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THE PERFECT CRIME!

THE HUMAN SACRIFICE!

LAUGH AT ME WILL YOU?--JUST A "TWO-BIT" CLOWN, EH, LOLA? --WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS LOUDEST--ZERO THE CLOWN --OR YOU AND YOUR PRETTY-BOY LOVER!
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500 LBS.

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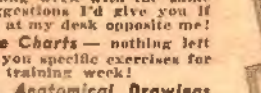

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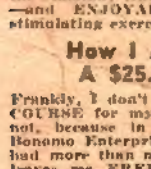

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LAUGH FOOL LAUGH

BUCKNER BRO. CIRCUS
NOW!
GREATER THAN EVER!
ONE WEEK ONLY
THE MOST DAZZLING, SPECTACULAR, THRILLING SHOW ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
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THAT'S WHAT THE SIGN SAID, BUT I KNEW BETTER! BEHIND THE GLITTER, PAINT, SMELLS, NOISES OF THE BIG TOP LAY A STORY OF STARK TRAGEDY; A DRAMA THAT DWARFED THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH BY COMPARISON! IT WAS THE STORY OF A CLOWN WHOSE MASK HID THE TORMENT HE SUFFERED WHILE HIS LIFE AND HOPES WERE TRAMPLED INTO THE SAWDUST OF THE CIRCUS! WHEN HE LAUGHED, THE WORLD LAUGHED WITH HIM! BUT WHEN HE CRIED, HE CRIED ALONE!

ZERO WAS THE GREATEST CLOWN IN THE WORLD! HE HAD EVERYTHING-- PATHOS, WARMTH, HUMOR AND GENIUS! YOU COULD SENSE IT WHEN YOU WATCHED HIM PERFORM--

THAT GUY IS TERRIFIC! WHAT'S HE DOIN' NOW, KELLY?

SEARCH ME! NOBODY EVER KNOWS WHAT HE'S GOIN' TO DO NEXT!

HE'S GONE HAY-WIRE! AM I SEEING THINGS OR IS HE REALLY CLIMBING UP TO THE HIGH WIRES?

YOU AIN'T SEEIN' THINGS, BROTHER! THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING!

QUICK! DO SOMETHING! THAT DARNED FOOL HAS BLOWN HIS TOP! HE'LL BE KILLED UP THERE!

IT'S TOO LATE, ROBBY! THE CROWD'S GETTIN' A BIG BANG OUT OF IT ANYWAY!

ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE TENT KNEW WHAT WAS GOIN' ON! ONE WAS ZERO AND THE OTHER WAS ME.

G'WAN AND DO IT, ZERO! I KNOW WHAT'S EATIN' THAT CRAZY HEART OF YOURS! YOU WANT 'EM TO STOP LAUGHING! YOU WANT 'EM TO KNOW IT'S A MAN UP THERE, NOT A CLOWN!

STOP! STOP LAUGHING! I CAN HEAR YOUR LAUGHTER EVEN HERE! LOOK AT ME! I'M GOING TO JUMP! I'M RISKING MY LIFE! DOESN'T THAT MEAN ANYTHING? DOESN'T IT MEAN I AM MORE THAN A CLOWN?

HE JUMPED AND MY HEART JUMPED WITH HIM! FOR A SECOND HE HUNG IN SPACE, AND THEN HE MADE IT...

YOU MADE IT, ZERO! HANG ON, BOY! HANG ON!

SUDDENLY, SOMETHING HAPPENED! A GUIDE WIRE SNAPPED! THE TRAPEZE DROPPED AND JERKED BACK, HELD BY ONE LOOSE ROPE...

I C-CAN'T LOOK! IS H-HE SAFE?

HE'S HOLDIN' ON, BUT THERE'S NO NET UNDER HIM!

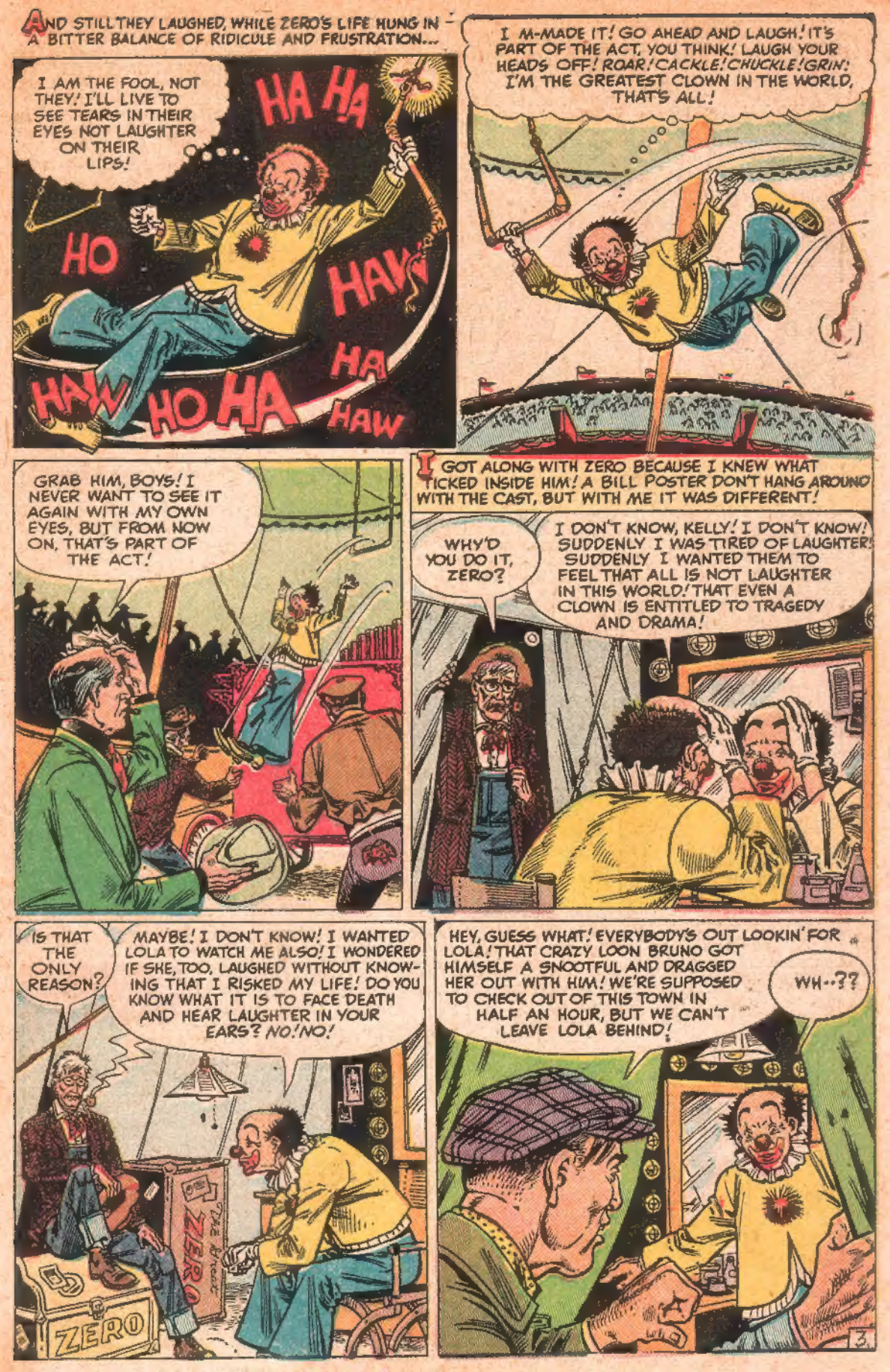
THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SILENCE OF HORROR, BUT THERE WASN'T! INSTEAD THE AUDIENCE BROKE OUT WITH ROARS OF LAUGHTER! EVEN ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, ZERO WAS FUNNY...

HAW HAW! THIS IS THE BEST YET!

HA HA HAW HAW HA HO

OWWW, MY BELLY ACHES FROM LAUGHING! THAT CLOWN IS TERRIFIC!

HAW HA HA HO HAW HO


AND STILL THEY LAUGHED, WHILE ZERO'S LIFE HUNG IN A BITTER BALANCE OF RIDICULE AND FRUSTRATION...
I AM THE FOOL, NOT THEY! I'LL LIVE TO SEE TEARS IN THEIR EYES NOT LAUGHTER ON THEIR LIPS!
HA HA
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HAW
HAW HO HA
HA
HAW
I M-MADE IT! GO AHEAD AND LAUGH! IT'S PART OF THE ACT, YOU THINK! LAUGH YOUR HEADS OFF! ROAR! CACKLE! CHUCKLE! GRIN! I'M THE GREATEST CLOWN IN THE WORLD, THAT'S ALL!
GRAB HIM, BOYS! I NEVER WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN WITH MY OWN EYES, BUT FROM NOW ON, THAT'S PART OF THE ACT!
I GOT ALONG WITH ZERO BECAUSE I KNEW WHAT TICKED INSIDE HIM! A BILL POSTER DON'T HANG AROUND WITH THE CAST, BUT WITH ME IT WAS DIFFERENT!
WHY'D YOU DO IT, ZERO?
I DON'T KNOW, KELLY! I DON'T KNOW! SUDDENLY I WAS TIRED OF LAUGHTER! SUDDENLY I WANTED THEM TO FEEL THAT ALL IS NOT LAUGHTER IN THIS WORLD! THAT EVEN A CLOWN IS ENTITLED TO TRAGEDY AND DRAMA!
IS THAT THE ONLY REASON?
MAYBE! I DON'T KNOW! I WANTED LOLA TO WATCH ME ALSO! I WONDERED IF SHE, TOO, LAUGHED WITHOUT KNOWING THAT I RISKED MY LIFE! DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS TO FACE DEATH AND HEAR LAUGHTER IN YOUR EARS? NO! NO!
ZERO
ZERO
HEY, GUESS WHAT! EVERYBODY'S OUT LOOKIN' FOR LOLA! THAT CRAZY LOON BRUNO GOT HIMSELF A SNOOTFUL AND DRAGGED HER OUT WITH HIM! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO CHECK OUT OF THIS TOWN IN HALF AN HOUR, BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE LOLA BEHIND!
WH--??
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WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ZERO? YOU'VE GOT NO TIME TO SEARCH THIS TOWN! WE'RE LEAVING SOON!
I'LL SEARCH THE WORLD FOR LOLA! SHE CAN'T BE LEFT ALONE WITH A MONSTER LIKE BRUNO! HE'S INSANE WHEN HE'S DRINKING!
COME BACK, ZERO! THEY'LL FIND HER WITHOUT YOUR HELP!
I'LL FIND HER MYSELF! I'LL MEET THE BUNCH AT THE STATION, AND LOLA WILL BE WITH ME!
HAW, HAW! IT WORKED! LOOK AT HIM GO! WHAT A CLOWN!
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT! YOU GUYS PULLING ZERO'S LEG?
SURE IT'S A GAG, KELLY! LOLA HASN'T LEFT HER DRESSING ROOM! CAN YOU IMAGINE A CLOWN LIKE ZERO IN LOVE WITH A BABE LIKE LOLA? HAW, HAW!
WHY, YOU DIRTY LOW-LIFE JOKERS!
HEY, WHAT'S EATIN' YOU, KELLY?
YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW A REAL MAN WHEN YOU SEE ONE! YOU AREN'T FIT TO LICK ZERO'S BOOTS!
CRACK
MEANWHILE, ZERO WAS SCOURING THE TOWN, DRENCHED TO THE SKIN, MISERABLE, UNWANTED, LAUGHED AT, RIDICULED...
YOU'RE SURE YOU DIDN'T SEE A YOUNG GIRL HERE WITH A TALL MAN? SHE HAS GREY EYES AND BROWN HAIR! SHE'S ABOUT...
YEAH, YEAH! WE HEARD THE DESCRIPTION BEFORE! WHERE'S THE MASQUERADE, BUB?
FROM BAR TO BAR, FROM HOTEL TO RESTAURANT, ZERO SEARCHED THE TOWN FROM ONE END TO ANOTHER...
P-PLEASE LISTEN TO ME! I MUST FIND HER! SHE IS...
TAVERN
YEAH, WE KNOW! FIVE FEET TWO, EYES OF BLUE! SCRAM! NO PEDDLERS IN THIS JOINT!

COME ON, BUD! ON YOUR FEET! GO HOME AND SLEEP IT OFF!
HOTEL
TAVERN
WE HELD THE TRAIN UP FOR ONE HOUR, AND FINALLY HE SHOWED UP JUST AS WE BEGAN PULLING OUT OF THE STATION...
SHAKE A LEG, ZERO! SOMEBODY TOLD US LOLA WASN'T GONE AT ALL! SHE'S HERE ON THE TRAIN! HAW, HAW, HAW!
COME ON, ZERO! RUN! RUN!
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I WATCHED HIM! HE RAN LIKE A MAN IN A DREAM! HE RAN WITH THE GAIT OF A CHAINED, STRUGGLING, TIRED, WOUNDED ANIMAL...
SLIDE, ZERO, SLIDE! HAW, HAW, HAW!
A LITTLE MORE, ZERO! JUST A LITTLE FASTER! GET A ROPE, SOMEBODY! PLEASE GET A ROPE!
THE ROPE SNAKED OUT AND HE GRABBED IT LIKE A DROWNING MAN...
EVEN IN DEATH THEY WOULD LAUGH! OHHH, JUST GIVE ME STRENGTH!
HANG ON, ZERO! HANG ON, BOY!
AND SO...
I DON'T GET IT! WHY DOESN'T HE SAVE HIS GAGS FOR THE SHOWS? DOES HE HAVE TO BE A CLOWN ALL THE TIME?
SHUT UP, MR. ROYAL! YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE OF THE LAUGHERS!

HE'S BADLY HURT! P-PLEASE LET ME BE WITH HIM FOR A FEW MINUTES!
SURE, LOLA! WE'RE PICKING UP A DOCTOR AT THE NEXT STATION.
SHE TOUCHED HIM AND A SURGE OF LIFE FLOWED BACK THROUGH HIS VEINS! SHE TOUCHED HIM, AND YET SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND...
ZERO! IT'S ME, LOLA! TH-THEY SAID YOU STAYED BEHIND LOOKING FOR ME! IS IT TRUE, ZERO? IS THAT WHY THIS HAPPENED?
HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, HER WORDS SINKING INTO HIM, SOOTHING AND HURTING AT THE SAME TIME.
IF I SAY IT'S TRUE, SHE WILL THINK ME A BIGGER FOOL! I LOVE HER TOO MUCH FOR THAT! LET THEM ALL THINK OF ME AS A CLOWN, BUT NOT LOLA!
N-NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE! I LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND AT THE HOTEL! I H-HAD TO GET IT! I MISSED THE TRAIN AND THIS HAPPENED!
ZERO! ZERO! HOW COULD YOU? HOW COULD ANYONE DO ANYTHING SO FOOLISH? I COULD UNDERSTAND YOUR LOOKING FOR ME, BUT TO MISS A TRAIN AND ALMOST BE KILLED IS SOMETHING I CAN'T UNDERSTAND!
GET WELL SOON, ZERO! GET WELL, YOU POOR, RIDICULOUS CLOWN! TO MAIM YOURSELF JUST FOR A LAUGH! OHH, ZERO!
THE LIE IS AN ARROW WHICH STABS MY OWN HEART! SHE THINKS I'M A RIDICULOUS CLOWN! SHE LAUGHS WITH THE OTHERS WHILE I CRY!
ZERO
ZERO RECOVERED, BUT A FEW HOURS BEFORE WE HIT CHICAGO, HE GOT IT AGAIN, THIS TIME IN THE HEART...
IT'S V-VICTOR TRAVIS, THE TRAPEZE ARTIST! WHAT ELSE CAN I EXPECT? CAN ANYONE FALL IN LOVE WITH A CLOWN?
I KEPT AN EYE ON ZERO FROM THEN ON! SOMETHING WAS BOILING AWAY INSIDE OF HIM, EATING OUT HIS HEART! ON THE OUTSIDE THE GUY WAS A CLOWN, BUT INSIDE HE WAS A SEETHING VOLCANO OF BITTER FRUSTRATION AND HOPELESS ANXIETY! WE ZIPPED THROUGH FROM CHICAGO TO SALT LAKE, FROM 'FRISCO TO NEW ORLEANS AND WHILE THE FLOWER OF LOVE BLOOMED BETWEEN VIC TRAVIS AND LOLA, THE DRY WINDS OF JEALOUSY WILTED AND WITHERED THE PATHETIC CLOWN!
PHILADELPHIA
CHICAGO
SALT LAKE CITY
DALLAS
SAN FRANCISCO
NEW ORLEANS
RENO
BARSTOW
LITTLE ROCK
CIRCUS
CIRCUS

YOU'VE GOT TO GET ONE THING RIGHT ABOUT ZERO FIRST OFF! YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING BIGGER THAN LOVE BURNING INSIDE ZERO! I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT IN KANSAS CITY...
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS COOKING UP?
SHUT UP AND GET AN EARFUL OF THE STUFF POURING OUT OF ZERO'S ROOM!
Zero
LIE PRESSED BETWEEN OPPOSING WALLS OF ROCK THOSE WHO PRECEDED ME IN ANGER; AND DOWN THERE LIKEWISE I SHALL DROP AS SOON AS HE FOR WHOM I JUST MISTOOK YOU WHEN I FIRST QUESTIONED YOU, WILL ARRIVE!
OKAY, SO WHAT? THE GUY'S RECITING POETRY! YOU GOT ANYTHING AGAINST THAT?
POETRY! HAW, HAW! YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, KELLY! HE'S BEEN SPOUTING SHAKESPEARE, HAWTHORNE AND DANTE FOR HOURS! A CLOWN RECITING POETRY! THIS IS GOING TO BE TERRIFIC!
I GOT AN INKLING OF WHAT THEY WERE PREPARING FOR ZERO WHEN I GOT BACKSTAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PERFORMANCE!..
QUICK! WHERE'S ZERO? THE WHOLE SHOW IS FOULING UP AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE CAN SAVE IT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FOULING UP? WHAT HAPPENED?
LOLA'S OUT THERE IN THE BALCONY WAITING TO START THAT SCENE FROM FROM ROMEO AND JULIET! BRUNO PASSED OUT IN HIS DRESSING ROOM, AND WE'RE STUCK FOR A ROMEO!
Y-YOU MEAN YOU'RE THINKING OF PUTTING ZERO OUT THERE INSTEAD OF BRUNO? HAVE YOU GONE HAYWIRE, ROYAL?
ZERO! ZERO COME HERE!
YOU DIRTY, TWO-TIMING DOG! I KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT TWISTED MIND OF YOURS! YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ZERO A LAUGHING STOCK! YOU'RE GOING TO PINCH HIT A CLOWN FOR A DRAMATIC ACTOR!
OF COURSE I CAN DO IT, ROBBY! I KNOW THE LINES BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS, BUT I CAN'T TAKE THE PART IN A CLOWN COSTUME! IT ISN'T RIGHT!
NEVER MIND THE COSTUME! THERE IS NO TIME TO CHANGE! IF YOU GIVE IT WHAT IT TAKES, YOU'LL SQUEEZE EVERY BIT OF DRAMA OUT OF IT, COSTUME OR NO COSTUME! GET OUT THERE AND ACT, ZERO! ACT! ACT! ACT!
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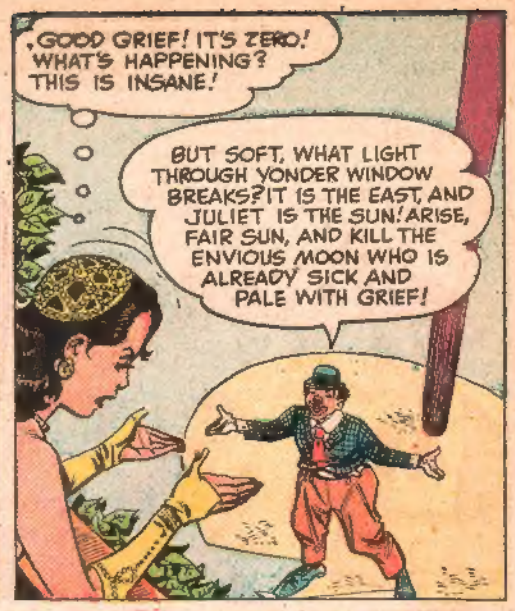
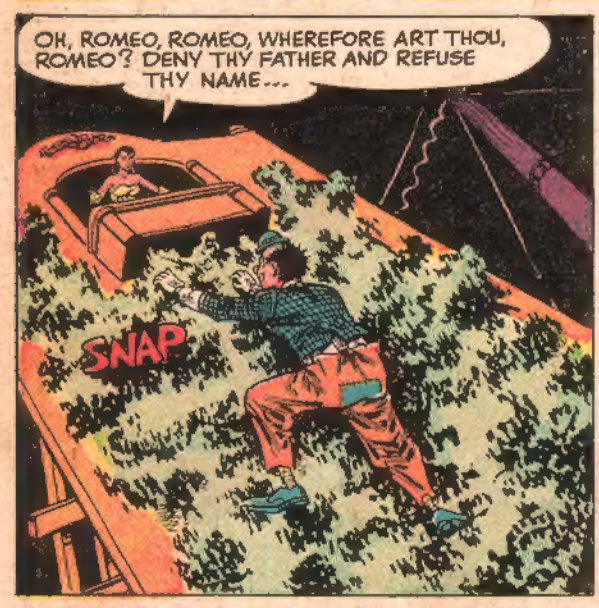
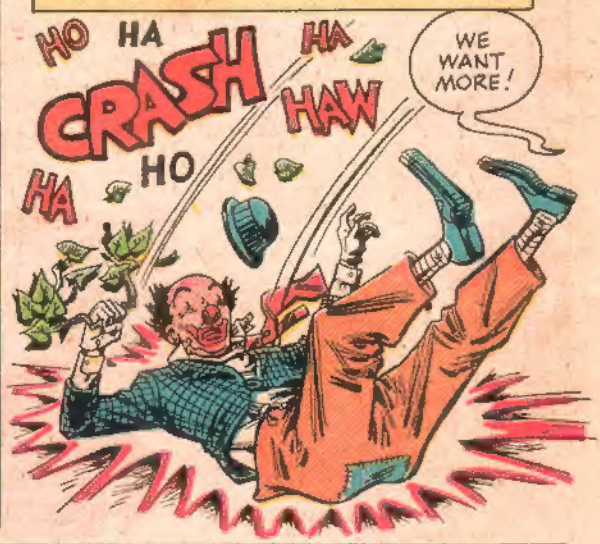
I WATCHED HIM GO ON STAGE FROM THE WINGS! HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE! LAUGHTER SHOOK THE RAFTERS THE SECOND HE CAME ON...

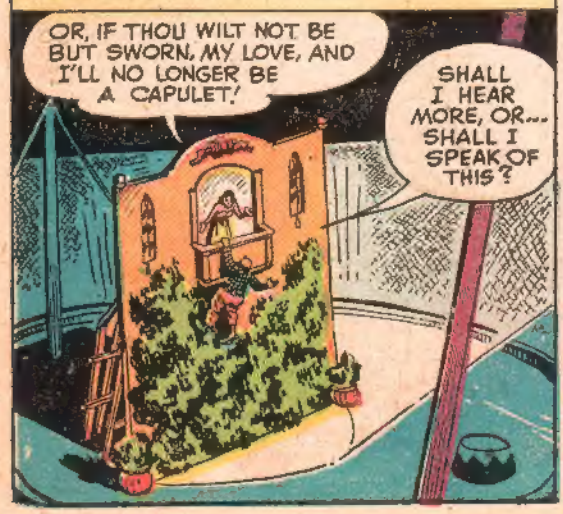

GOOD GRIEF! IT'S ZERO! WHAT'S HAPPENING? THIS IS INSANE!
BUT SOFT, WHAT LIGHT THROUGH YONDER WINDOW BREAKS? IT IS THE EAST, AND JULIET IS THE SUN! ARISE, FAIR SUN, AND KILL THE ENVIOUS MOON WHO IS ALREADY SICK AND PALE WITH GRIEF!



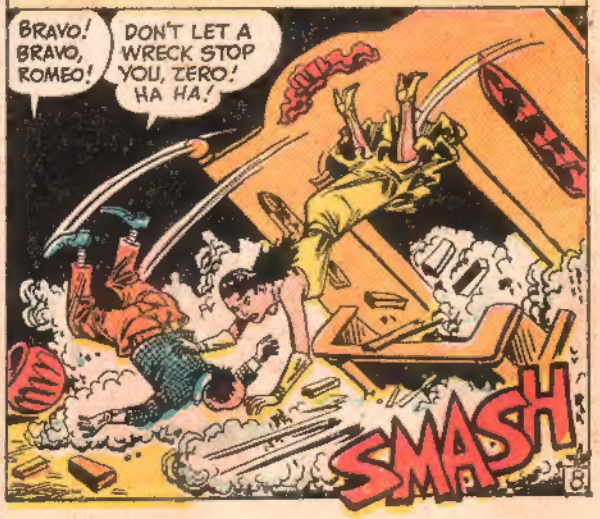
IT HAPPENED!... AND THE HOUSE CAME DOWN IN A GALE OF LAUGHTER...



HE BECAME DEAF TO THE CROWD! HE SAW ONLY HIS JULIET AND FELT ONLY THE THROB OF PASSION AS THE FAMOUS WORDS BURNED FROM HIS LIPS...



IT HAPPENED AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME EVERYTHING CAME CRASHING TO THE GROUND AMIDST ROARS OF LAUGHTER! IF PASSION BREATHED, IF ZERO HAD A HEART OR SOUL, IT WAS DESTROYED AT THAT MOMENT...



ZERO NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE CATASTROPHE! HE BECAME SULLEN, MOROSE, SILENT! HE LIVED ALONE, HIS SHATTERED LIFE AND THOUGHTS HIDDEN BEHIND THE RUINS OF THE SHELL HE CRAWLED INTO! THE PAINT HID HIS TEARS WHEN HE PERFORMED, AND WHILE TURMOIL RAGED WITHIN HIM, THE CROWD ROARED AT THE GRINNING CLOWN WHOSE MASK BELIED THE TWISTED AGONY OF THE LIPS BENEATH!

HA HAW HO HA HAW HO HA HAW HO

CAN I TALK TO YOU A MINUTE, ZERO?

TALK? WHY NOT LAUGH WITH THE REST? OF WHAT USE IS TALKING?

LISTEN TO ME, ZERO! I UNDERSTAND YOU! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH! I'M ONLY AN ORDINARY BILL POSTER WITH THIS OUTFIT, BUT I KNOW MORE THAN THE OTHERS ABOUT YOU!

LISTEN, ZERO! GET OUT WHILE YOU STILL CAN! GET OUT OF HERE AND SHAKE THE SAWDUST OUT OF YOUR VEINS BEFORE YOU GET DRAGGED UNDER! YOU'RE LETTING YOURSELF GET LAUGHED INTO YOUR GRAVE!

YOU DO KNOW ME, DON'T YOU, KELLY? THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING! BUT I CAN'T GET OUT! IT'S TOO LATE!

KELLY, I'LL TELL YOU THIS! I'M TIRED OF LAUGHTER! BEFORE I MAKE AN EXIT THERE'LL BE TEARS BEHIND ME!

DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY, ZERO! YOU'LL ONLY HURT YOURSELF! IT DOESN'T PAY! WIPE OFF THAT GREASE-PAINT AND SHOW THEM WHAT YOU'RE REALLY MADE OF!

YOU CAN WIN, ZERO! NOTHING CAN STOP YOU ONCE YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO RUB THAT LAUGHTER OUT OF YOUR EARS!

NO! NOTHING CAN STOP ME, KELLY! I WAS BORN A FOOL, AND A FOOL I'LL DIE... BUT NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

ZERO

AN HOUR BEFORE OUR TRAIN PULLED OUT, I SAW ZERO SLIP FROM THE CROWD AND HEAD DOWN THE TRACKS...

HE'S ACTING SCREWY! I BETTER FOLLOW HIM!

I FOLLOWED HIM ABOUT HALF A MILE DOWN THE TRACK, AND THEN SAW HIM STOOP DOWN AND MESS WITH SOMETHING NEAR THE RAIL...

WHAT'S HE PUTTING ON THE TRACKS? HE'S GONE NUTS! THE TRAIN MUST BE PULLING OUT OF THE STATION BY NOW! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!

SUDDENLY I SAW SOMETHING SPUTTERING ON THE TRACKS AND I KNEW THE WORLD WAS GOING TO EXPLODE AROUND ZERO...

STOP! PUT THAT FUSE OUT! ZERO! STOP!

WH--??! GO AWAY, KELLY! GO AWAY QUICKLY!

PUT IT OUT, YOU FOOL! YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF AND EVERYBODY ELSE ON THE TRAIN!

AT LAST THE TRUTH COMES OUT! YOU THINK I'M A FOOL, TOO, DON'T YOU, KELLY? STAY AWAY!

SPLAT

CRACK!

YOU'RE A RAVING MANIAC! MAYBE I CAN KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOUR HEAD!

WHY, YOU- UGH!

HE HAD THE STRENGTH OF A MADMAN! WE STRUGGLED SAVAGELY AND ABOVE THE DEADLY HISSING OF THE SPUTTERING FUSE, I HEARD THE RUMBLE OF THE APPROACHING TRAIN ...

LISTEN TO REASON, ZERO! LET GO OF ME! LET ME PUT OUT THAT FUSE! I WON'T SAY ANYTHING! I'LL KEEP MUM!

STAY PUT, KELLY! WE'RE GOING TO OUR GRAVES TOGETHER! THERE WON'T BE ANY LAUGHTER ON THAT TRAIN TONIGHT!

SUDDENLY, I SQUIRMED AND SMASHED HIS JAW WITH ALL MY STRENGTH...ZERO TUMBLED BACK!

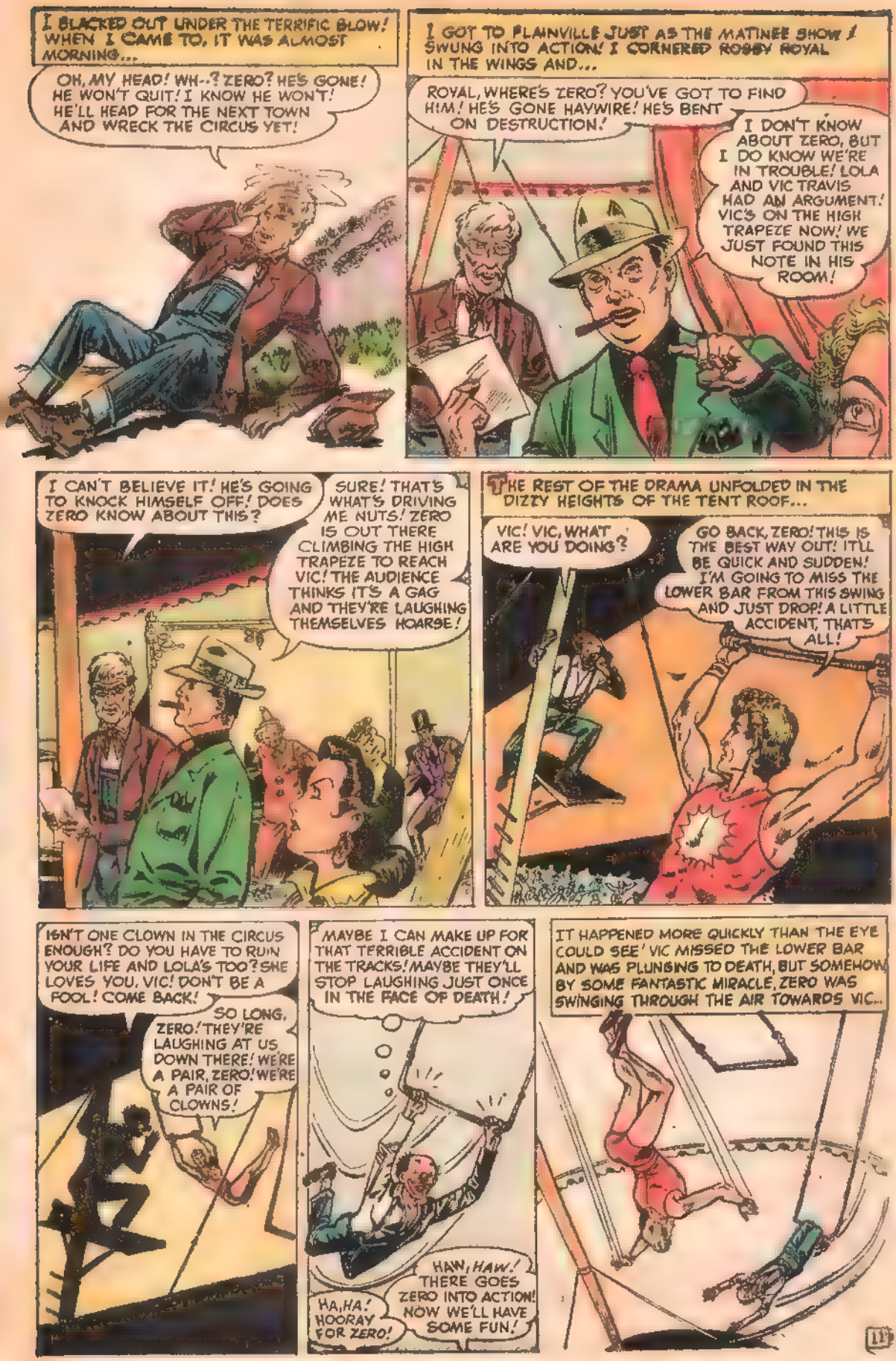
WHAM

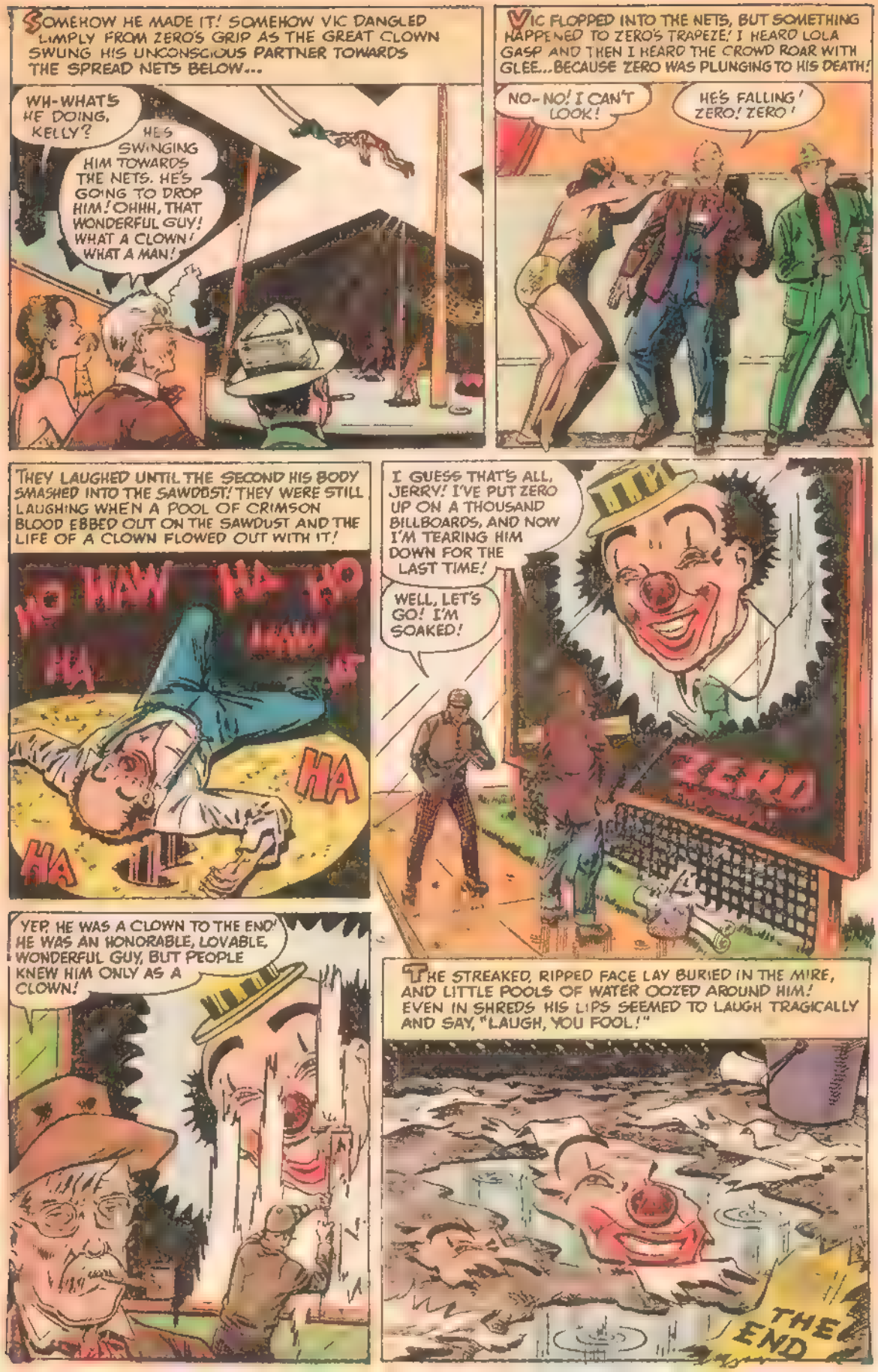
I SNATCHED THE BUNDLE OF DEATH FROM THE TRACKS AND THREW MYSELF ON THE FUSE, SMOTHERING IT AS THE TRAIN ROARED BY...THEN ZERO LET ME HAVE IT!

WHOOSH

WHEW THANK HEAVEN I GOT TO IT IN TIME!

PPFFFTTT!...


I BLACKED OUT UNDER THE TERRIFIC BLOW! WHEN I CAME TO, IT WAS ALMOST MORNING...
OH, MY HEAD! WH--? ZERO? HE'S GONE! HE WON'T QUIT! I KNOW HE WON'T! HE'LL HEAD FOR THE NEXT TOWN AND WRECK THE CIRCUS YET!
I GOT TO PLAINVILLE JUST AS THE MATINEE SHOW I SWUNG INTO ACTION! I CORNERED ROSSY ROYAL IN THE WINGS AND...
ROYAL, WHERE'S ZERO? YOU'VE GOT TO FIND HIM! HE'S GONE HAYWIRE! HE'S BENT ON DESTRUCTION!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ZERO, BUT I DO KNOW WE'RE IN TROUBLE! LOLA AND VIC TRAVIS HAD AN ARGUMENT! VIC'S ON THE HIGH TRAPEZE NOW! WE JUST FOUND THIS NOTE IN HIS ROOM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S GOING TO KNOCK HIMSELF OFF! DOES ZERO KNOW ABOUT THIS?
SURE! THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING ME NUTS! ZERO IS OUT THERE CLIMBING THE HIGH TRAPEZE TO REACH VIC! THE AUDIENCE THINKS IT'S A GAG AND THEY'RE LAUGHING THEMSELVES HOARSE!
THE REST OF THE DRAMA UNFOLDED IN THE DIZZY HEIGHTS OF THE TENT ROOF...
VIC! VIC, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GO BACK, ZERO! THIS IS THE BEST WAY OUT! IT'LL BE QUICK AND SUDDEN! I'M GOING TO MISS THE LOWER BAR FROM THIS SWING AND JUST DROP! A LITTLE ACCIDENT, THAT'S ALL!
ISN'T ONE CLOWN IN THE CIRCUS ENOUGH? DO YOU HAVE TO RUIN YOUR LIFE AND LOLA'S TOO? SHE LOVES YOU, VIC! DON'T BE A FOOL! COME BACK!
SO LONG, ZERO! THEY'RE LAUGHING AT US DOWN THERE! WE'RE A PAIR, ZERO! WE'RE A PAIR OF CLOWNS!
MAYBE I CAN MAKE UP FOR THAT TERRIBLE ACCIDENT ON THE TRACKS! MAYBE THEY'LL STOP LAUGHING JUST ONCE IN THE FACE OF DEATH!
HA, HA! HOORAY FOR ZERO!
HAW, HAW! THERE GOES ZERO INTO ACTION! NOW WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN!
IT HAPPENED MORE QUICKLY THAN THE EYE COULD SEE! VIC MISSED THE LOWER BAR AND WAS PLUNGING TO DEATH, BUT SOMEHOW, BY SOME FANTASTIC MIRACLE, ZERO WAS SWINGING THROUGH THE AIR TOWARDS VIC...


SOMEHOW HE MADE IT! SOMEHOW VIC DANGLED LIMPLY FROM ZERO'S GRIP AS THE GREAT CLOWN SWUNG HIS UNCONSCIOUS PARTNER TOWARDS THE SPREAD NETS BELOW...
WH-WHAT'S HE DOING, KELLY?
HE'S SWINGING HIM TOWARDS THE NETS. HE'S GOING TO DROP HIM! OHHH, THAT WONDERFUL GUY! WHAT A CLOWN! WHAT A MAN!
VIC FLOPPED INTO THE NETS, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ZERO'S TRAPEZE! I HEARD LOLA GASP AND THEN I HEARD THE CROWD ROAR WITH GLEE...BECAUSE ZERO WAS PLUNGING TO HIS DEATH!
NO-NO! I CAN'T LOOK!
HE'S FALLING! ZERO! ZERO!
THEY LAUGHED UNTIL THE SECOND HIS BODY SMASHED INTO THE SAWDUST! THEY WERE STILL LAUGHING WHEN A POOL OF CRIMSON BLOOD EBBED OUT ON THE SAWDUST AND THE LIFE OF A CLOWN FLOWED OUT WITH IT!
HO HAW HA HO HAW HA HA HA
I GUESS THAT'S ALL, JERRY! I'VE PUT ZERO UP ON A THOUSAND BILLBOARDS, AND NOW I'M TEARING HIM DOWN FOR THE LAST TIME!
WELL, LET'S GO! I'M SOAKED!
ZERO
YEP, HE WAS A CLOWN TO THE END! HE WAS AN HONORABLE, LOVABLE, WONDERFUL GUY, BUT PEOPLE KNEW HIM ONLY AS A CLOWN!
THE STREAKED, RIPPED FACE LAY BURIED IN THE MIRE, AND LITTLE POOLS OF WATER OOZED AROUND HIM! EVEN IN SHREDS HIS LIPS SEEMED TO LAUGH TRAGICALLY AND SAY, "LAUGH, YOU FOOL!"
THE END

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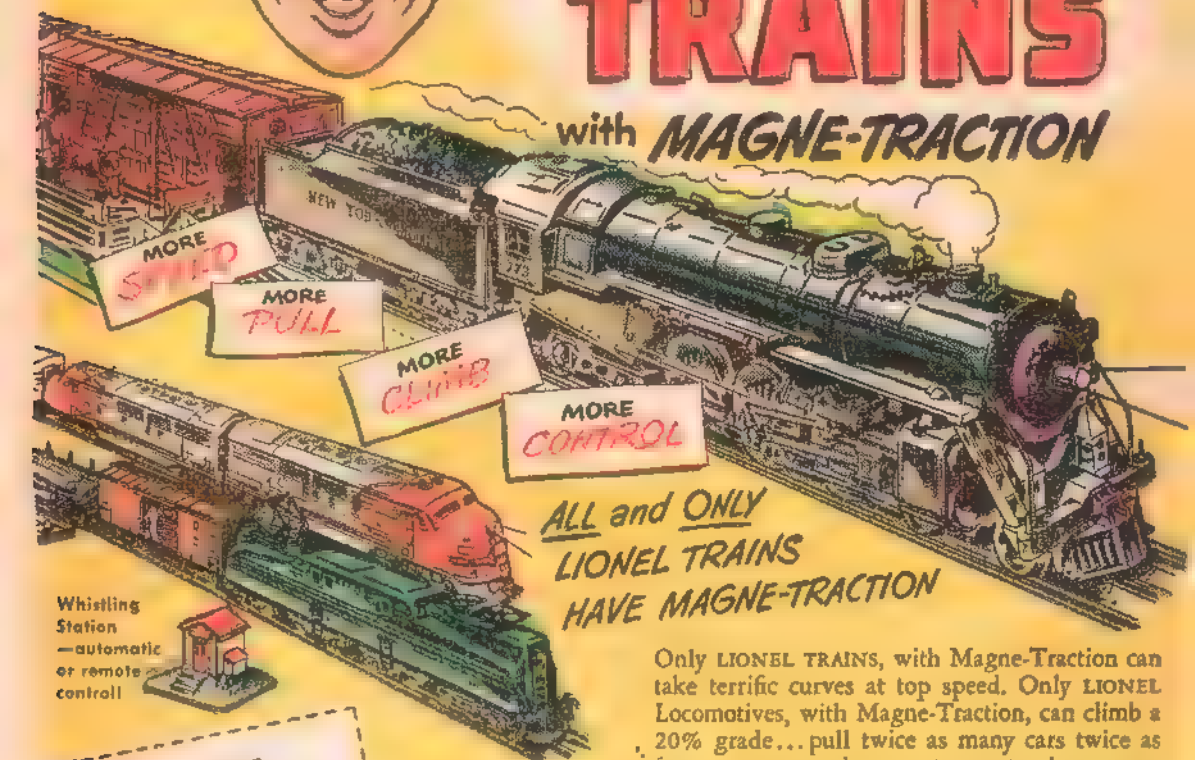

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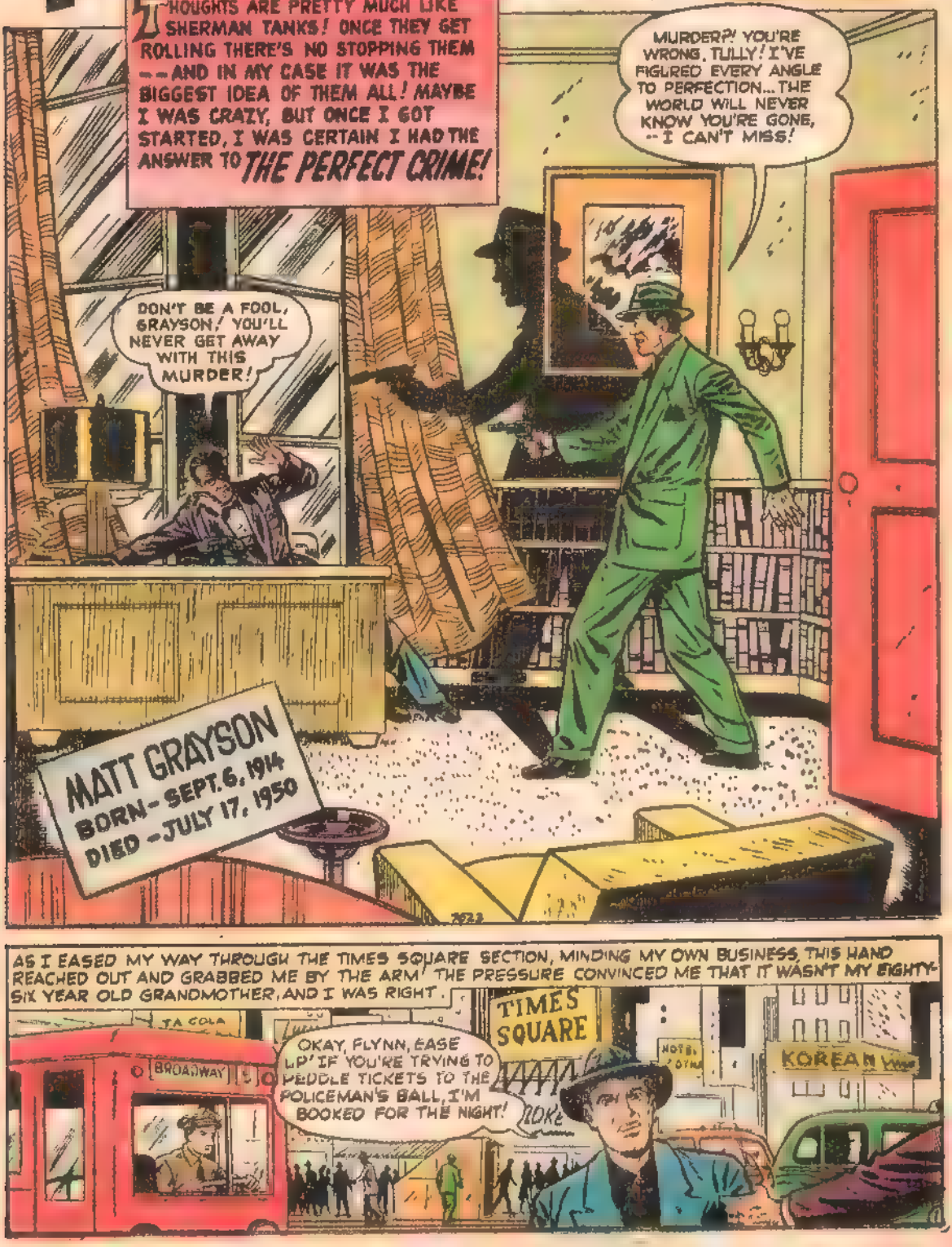
THOUGHTS ARE PRETTY MUCH LIKE SHERMAN TANKS! ONCE THEY GET ROLLING THERE'S NO STOPPING THEM --AND IN MY CASE IT WAS THE BIGGEST IDEA OF THEM ALL! MAYBE I WAS CRAZY, BUT ONCE I GOT STARTED, I WAS CERTAIN I HAD THE ANSWER TO THE PERFECT CRIME!
MURDER?! YOU'RE WRONG, TULLY! I'VE FIGURED EVERY ANGLE TO PERFECTION... THE WORLD WILL NEVER KNOW YOU'RE GONE, --I CAN'T MISS!
DON'T BE A FOOL, GRAYSON! YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS MURDER!
MATT GRAYSON
BORN- SEPT. 6, 1914
DIED - JULY 17, 1950

AS I EASED MY WAY THROUGH THE TIMES SQUARE SECTION, MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, THIS HAND REACHED OUT AND GRABBED ME BY THE ARM! THE PRESSURE CONVINCED ME THAT IT WASN'T MY EIGHTY-SIX YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER, AND I WAS RIGHT.
TA COLA
BROADWAY
OKAY, FLYNN, EASE UP! IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PEDDLE TICKETS TO THE POLICEMAN'S BALL, I'M BOOKED FOR THE NIGHT!
TIMES SQUARE
KOREAN

FLYNN LOOKED MORE LIKE A REAL ESTATE BROKER THAN A DETECTIVE, BUT HIS SLIGHT GRIN DIDN'T FOOL ME! IT WAS THE KIND OF SMILE A SPIDER MUST WEAR WHEN SHE INVITES A FLY INTO HER PARLOR...
NO TICKETS, GRAYSON-- JUST ANOTHER WARNING! STAY OUT OF MY DISTRICT AFTER DARK!
HOW'S A GUY SUPPOSED TO GET UPTOWN? BY WAY OF POUGHKEEPSIE?
EURO

THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT! I DON'T LIKE TWO-BIT HOODS CLUTTERING UP MY BEAT, SO TAKE A FRIENDLY TIP AND STAY CLEAR!
THANKS FOR THE ADVICE, FLYNN! I'LL TUCK IT AWAY WITH MY UNPAID BILLS!
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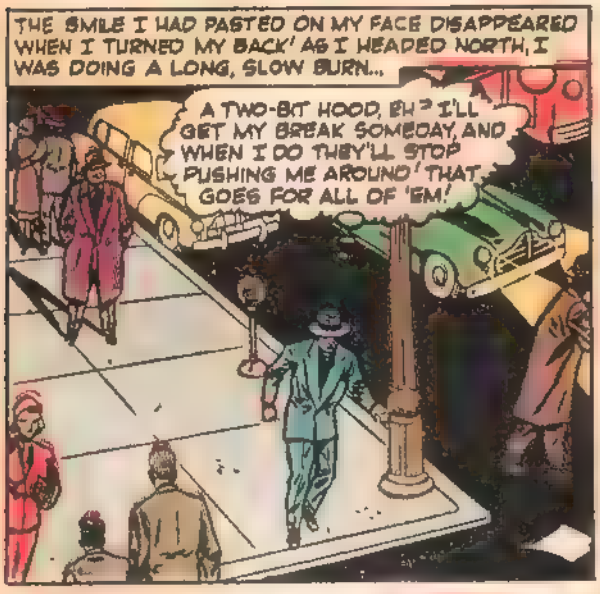
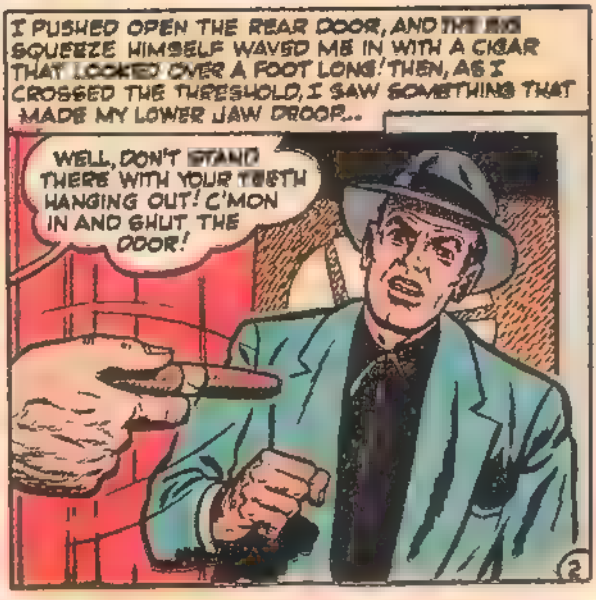

THE SMILE I HAD PASTED ON MY FACE DISAPPEARED WHEN I TURNED MY BACK! AS I HEADED NORTH, I WAS DOING A LONG, SLOW BURN...
A TWO-BIT HOOD, EH? I'LL GET MY BREAK SOMEDAY, AND WHEN I DO THEY'LL STOP PUSHING ME AROUND! THAT GOES FOR ALL OF 'EM!

THE 'ORIENTAL' WAS LISTED IN THE PHONE DIRECTORY AS A NIGHT CLUB--BUT THAT WAS ONLY HALF THE STORY! IT WAS A GOLD PLATED FRONT FOR A MILLION DOLLAR GAMBLING RACKET! THE BIG WHEEL WAS CHARLIE WINDERS AND I WAS ONE OF HIS LITTLE COGS THAT KEPT GOING AROUND AND AROUND AND GOT NOWHERES FAST! I HAD A QUICK ONE AT THE BAR WHEN...
BETTER HEAD FOR THE BACK ROOM, MATT! A BIG SURPRISE WAITIN' ON YA!
THANKS! I'M JUST IN THE MOOD!

I HOPE IT'S A HIKE IN DOUGH! I DO MOST OF THE LEG WORK, AND WHAT DO I GET--PEANUTS!


I PUSHED OPEN THE REAR DOOR, AND THE BIG SQUEEZE HIMSELF WAVED ME IN WITH A CIGAR THAT LOOKED OVER A FOOT LONG! THEN, AS I CROSSED THE THRESHOLD, I SAW SOMETHING THAT MADE MY LOWER JAW DROOP...
WELL, DON'T STAND THERE WITH YOUR TEETH HANGING OUT! C'MON IN AND SHUT THE DOOR!

MY LEGS CARRIED ME INTO THE ROOM, BUT MY BRAIN NEVER KNEW IT! I KEPT TELLING MYSELF THAT IT WAS CRAZY! THINGS LIKE THIS JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN..
IF YOU DON'T CLOSE YER TRAP YOU'LL BE CATCHING FLIES! WHAT'S EATING YOU, ANYWAY?
I-IT'S HIM! DON'T YOU SEE?

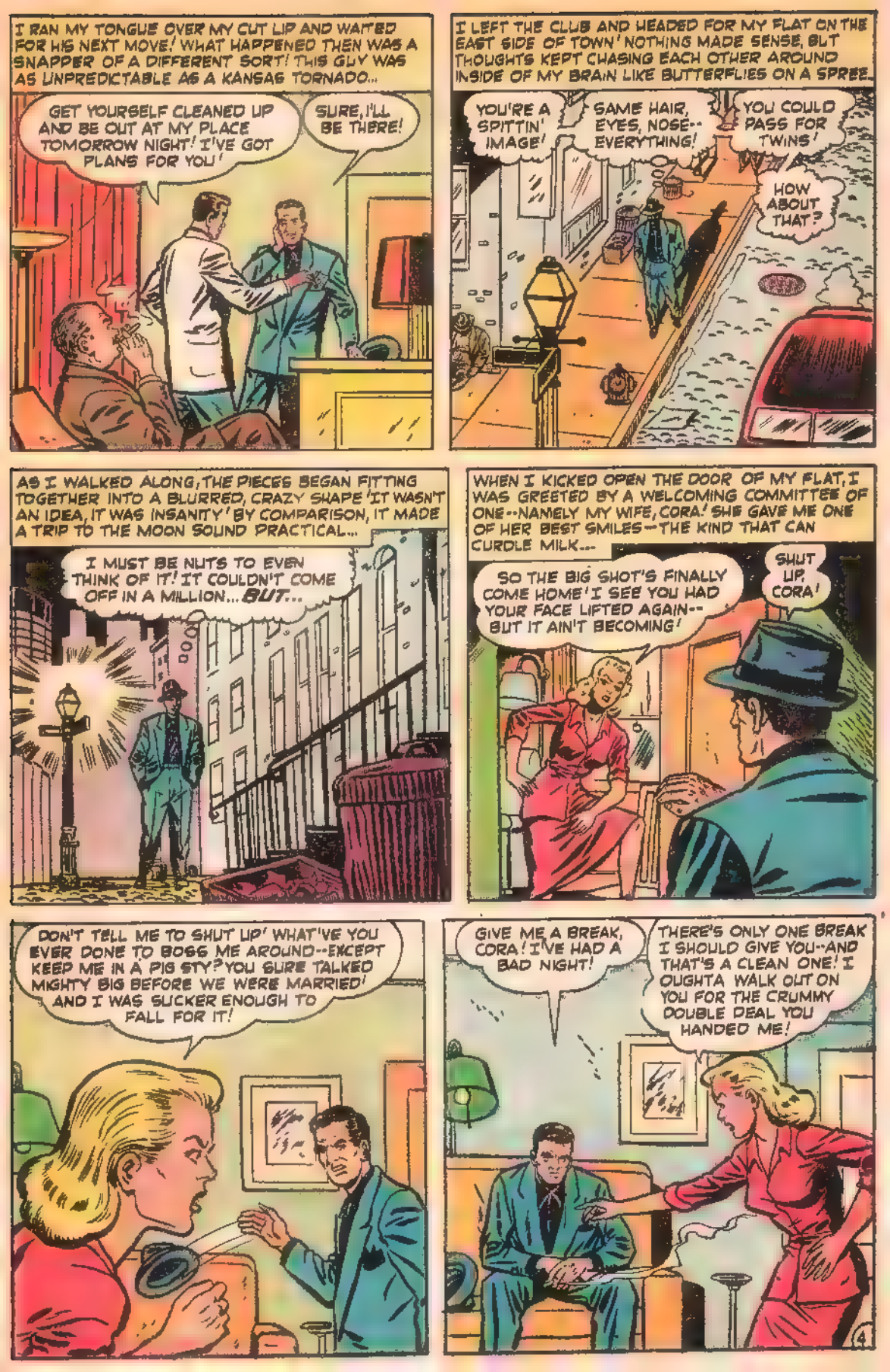
WE COULD PASS FOR TWINS!
SAY! SEEING YOU TOGETHER LIKE THIS, YOU REALLY COULD! HOW ABOUT THAT?

FROM THE NECK UP, WE WERE AS ALIKE AS TWO THREE CENT STAMPS, BUT THE SIMILARITY STOPPED THERE! FROM THE NECK DOWN HE WAS MR. MONEY, AND I WAS JUST ANOTHER MUG...
YOU'RE HIS SPITTIN' IMAGE, MATT!
SAME EYES, HAIR, NOSE... EVERY-THING!

OKAY, STOP PAWING HIM AND BEAT IT! I WANNA TALK TO THIS GUY!
SURE, MR. TULLY--RIGHT AWAY!

FOR AWHILE, THE GUY CALLED TULLY JUST STARED! I STARED BACK BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD THINK OF! THEN HE WALKED TOWARD ME AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW WAS..
SLAP!

LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT FROM SCRATCH! I'VE JUST BOUGHT THIS JOINT AND YOU'RE THROWN IN WITH THE DEAL! FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME--AND I'M HEAD MAN! GET IT?
I... GET IT. YOU'RE... HEAD MAN...


I RAN MY TONGUE OVER MY CUT LIP AND WAITED FOR HIS NEXT MOVE! WHAT HAPPENED THEN WAS A SNAPPER OF A DIFFERENT SORT! THIS GUY WAS AS UNPREDICTABLE AS A KANSAS TORNADO...
GET YOURSELF CLEANED UP AND BE OUT AT MY PLACE TOMORROW NIGHT! I'VE GOT PLANS FOR YOU!
SURE, I'LL BE THERE!
I LEFT THE CLUB AND HEADED FOR MY FLAT ON THE EAST SIDE OF TOWN! NOTHING MADE SENSE, BUT THOUGHTS KEPT CHASING EACH OTHER AROUND INSIDE OF MY BRAIN LIKE BUTTERFLIES ON A SPREE.
YOU'RE A SPITTIN' IMAGE!
SAME HAIR, EYES, NOSE--EVERYTHING!
YOU COULD PASS FOR TWINS!
HOW ABOUT THAT?
AS I WALKED ALONG, THE PIECES BEGAN FITTING TOGETHER INTO A BLURRED, CRAZY SHAPE! IT WASN'T AN IDEA, IT WAS INSANITY! BY COMPARISON, IT MADE A TRIP TO THE MOON SOUND PRACTICAL...
I MUST BE NUTS TO EVEN THINK OF IT! IT COULDN'T COME OFF IN A MILLION... BUT...
WHEN I KICKED OPEN THE DOOR OF MY FLAT, I WAS GREETED BY A WELCOMING COMMITTEE OF ONE--NAMELY MY WIFE, CORA! SHE GAVE ME ONE OF HER BEST SMILES--THE KIND THAT CAN CURDLE MILK...
SO THE BIG SHOT'S FINALLY COME HOME! I SEE YOU HAD YOUR FACE LIFTED AGAIN--BUT IT AIN'T BECOMING!
SHUT UP, CORA!
DON'T TELL ME TO SHUT UP! WHAT'VE YOU EVER DONE TO BOGG ME AROUND--EXCEPT KEEP ME IN A PIG STY? YOU SURE TALKED MIGHTY BIG BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED! AND I WAS SUCKER ENOUGH TO FALL FOR IT!
GIVE ME A BREAK, CORA! I'VE HAD A BAD NIGHT!
THERE'S ONLY ONE BREAK I SHOULD GIVE YOU--AND THAT'S A CLEAN ONE! I OUGHTA WALK OUT ON YOU FOR THE CRUMMY DOUBLE DEAL YOU HANDED ME!
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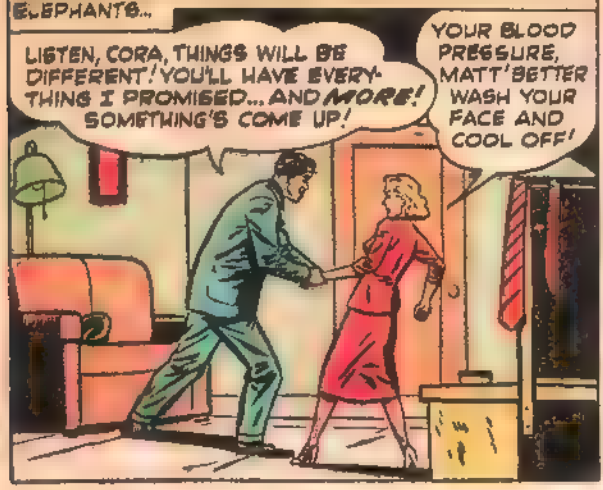
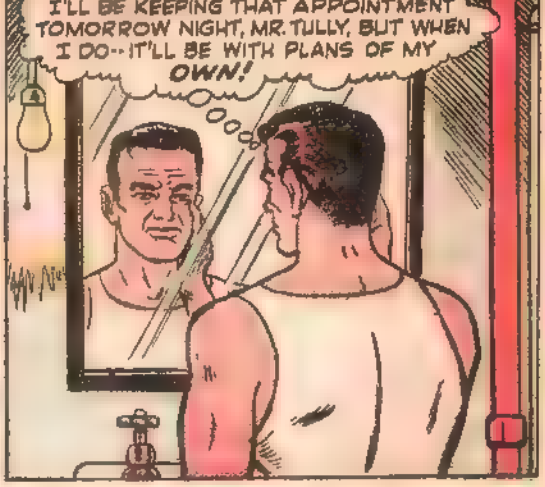
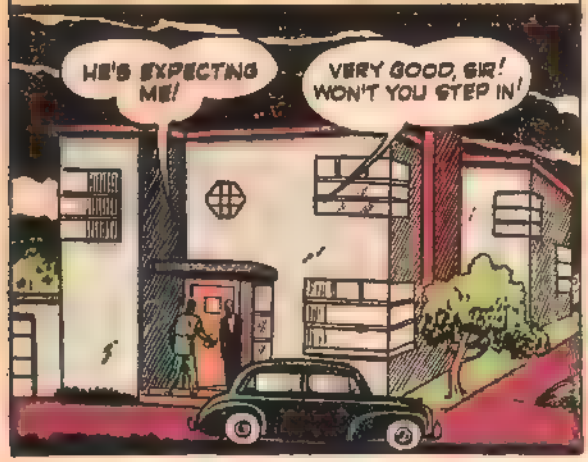
CORA'S THREAT SNAPPED SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME! I WASN'T TALKING SENSE ANYMORE! ALL THE SCREWY CIRCUMSTANCES HAD PILED UP, AND NOW THEY WERE CHARGING DOWN ON ME LIKE A HERD OF STAMPEDING ELEPHANTS...


LISTEN, CORA, THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT! YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING I PROMISED... AND *MORE!* SOMETHING'S COME UP!
YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, MATT! BETTER WASH YOUR FACE AND COOL OFF!

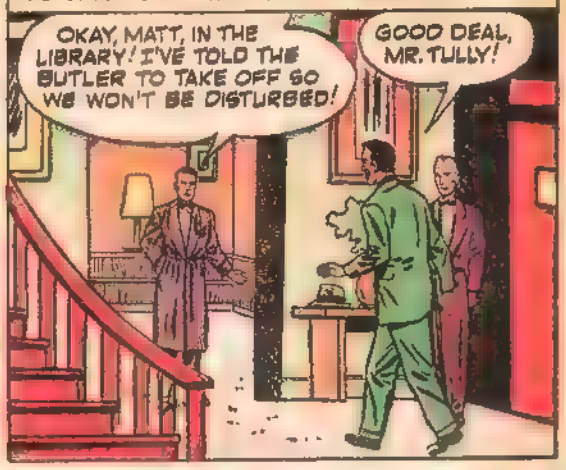
MAYBE MY BLOOD PRESSURE WAS UP BUT AS I STARED INTO THE MIRROR ABOVE THE SINK, THE LAST PIECE DROPPED INTO PLACE...



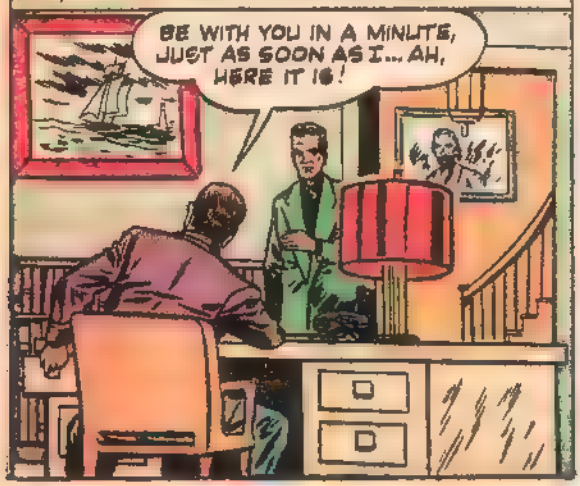
TULLY HAD ONE OF THOSE SPRAWLING ACREAGES OUT ON THE ISLAND, AND I GOT THERE ON THE DOT! A FLUNKY IN A MAROON UNIFORM AND GOLD BRAID ANSWERED THE DOOR, AND I MADE CERTAIN MY FACE WAS IN THE SHADOWS WHEN I GAVE MY NAME.



WALKING INTO THE FOYER WAS LIKE STEPPING INTO QUICKSAND! MY FEET DIPPED INTO THE RUG OVER MY ANKLES BEFORE I STOPPED GOING DOWN! I NERVOUSLY TWIRLED MY HAT ON ONE FINGER, AND THEN TULLY WAS IN THE DOORWAY...



AS I FOLLOWED HIM INTO THE LIBRARY I PATTED THE BULGE UNDER MY RIGHT ARM! ONE THING I WAS SURE OF-- IF IT WAS GOING TO BE DONE AT ALL, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE FAST...



THREE THINGS HAPPENED ALMOST AT THE SAME MOMENT! MY SQUEEZING THE TRIGGER, THE MUFFLED THUD OF THE GUN GOING OFF, AND TULLY TRYING TO GET TO HIS FEET...

THUD!

HE STAGGERED OUT OF HIS CHAIR LIKE A MAN CARRYING A HEAVY LOAD, SWAYED A MOMENT OR TWO UNCERTAINLY AND THEN TOPPLED BEHIND THE DESK! I HAD JUST KNEELED BESIDE HIM WHEN...

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE COMING! I'VE GOT TO GET THIS ROBE OFF HIM FAST!

I SLIPPED ON THE ROBE A MOMENT BEFORE THE DOOR OPENED! IT WAS THE FLUNKY REPORTING ON HIS WAY OUT! I HELD MY BREATH, BUT HE LOOKED AT ME, THROUGH ME, PAST ME..AND DIDN'T SPOT THE SWITCH...

ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE I LEAVE, SIR?

YES! TELL THE REST OF THE HELP THEY CAN TAKE OFF FOR THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK! I'LL BE GOING AWAY FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS!

I GRABBED ONE OF TULLY'S SUITS FROM A CLOSET AND THEN CARRIED THE STIFF TO SOME TREES WHERE I HAD HID MY JALOPY! AN HOUR LATER I WAS BACK IN TOWN LOOKING FOR A DUMPING SITE WHEN...

WHAT A NATURAL! NOW IF MY LUCK WILL ONLY HOLD!

LADY LUCK WAS SITTING RIGHT SMACK ON MY SHOULDER ALL THE WAY! I GOT HIM DOWN BELOW WITHOUT A HITCH, AND THEN I GOT A REAL STROKE OF GENIUS...

WHY NOT! THIS WAY THEY WON'T FIND OUT IN A MILLION YEARS!

NO FANCY FUNERAL, TULLY OLD BOY--BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A TOMBSTONE BIGGER THAN ANY BIG SHOT EVER HAD! FORTY STORIES HIGH...RIGHT SMACK INTO THE CLOUDS!

I CHANGED INTO TULLY'S SUIT IN THE CAR, AND THREW MY OLD CLOTHES IN THE BACK SEAT! TWENTY MINUTES LATER, I WAS AT A DESERTED PIER! I STEPPED OUT, GAVE LIZZIE A GENTLE SHOVE AND OVER SHE WENT WITHOUT A MURMER...

YOU DON'T KNOW IT, OLD GAL--BUT YOU'RE TAKING WITH YOU THE LAST KNOWN REMAINS OF ONE MATT GRAYSON! SO LONG, CHUMP!

AT EXACTLY 11:22 THAT NIGHT, I OFFICIALLY STEPPED INTO TULLY'S SHOES, BY MAKING AN APPEARANCE AT THE ORIENTAL CLUB! PETE CALLIN, A GUY I USED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM, MET ME AT THE DOOR...

THE NIGHT'S TAKE IS WAITIN' ON YA IN THE BACK ROOM, MR. TULLY!

I'M FOOLING ALL OF 'EM!

OKAY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

A LITTLE OVER SIXTEEN THOUSAND! I FIGURED WE'D DO BETTER THAN TWENTY!

WEEK NIGHT'S AIN'T TOO GOOD, MR. TULLY! SATURDAY'S OUR BIG TAKE!

DON'T HAND ME THAT, PUNK!

SLAP!

THE ONE THING I LEARNED FROM TULLY WAS THAT TO BE BOSS YOU HAD TO ACT BOSS! I WAS DOING THE PUSHING AROUND NOW... AND IT WAS GOING TO BE THE DRIVER'S SEAT FROM NOW ON...

DON'T THINK BECAUSE I BOUGHT THIS JOINT FROM YOUR OLD BOSS THAT I DON'T KNOW MY BUSINESS! I'M ON TO EVERY ONE OF YOUR CRUMMY TRICKS!

HONEST, MR. TULLY... THAT WAS THE TAKE!

IF THAT'S THE CASE YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW YOUR BUSINESS! NOW GO OUT THERE AND SHAKE DOWN THOSE SUCKERS! GET ME RESULTS OR I'LL FIRE THE LOT OF YOU!

YES, MR. TULLY!

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, SIR!

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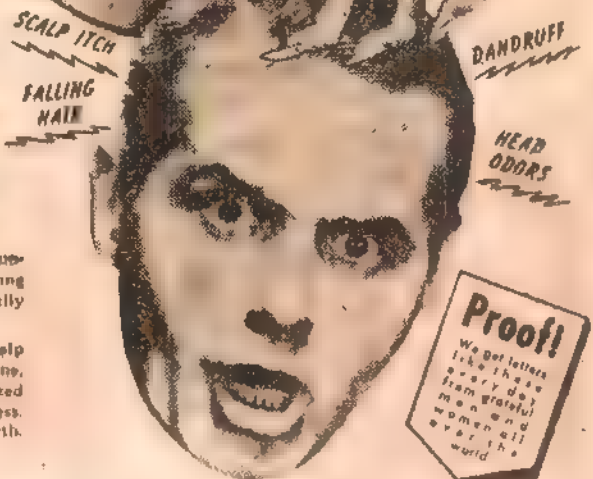

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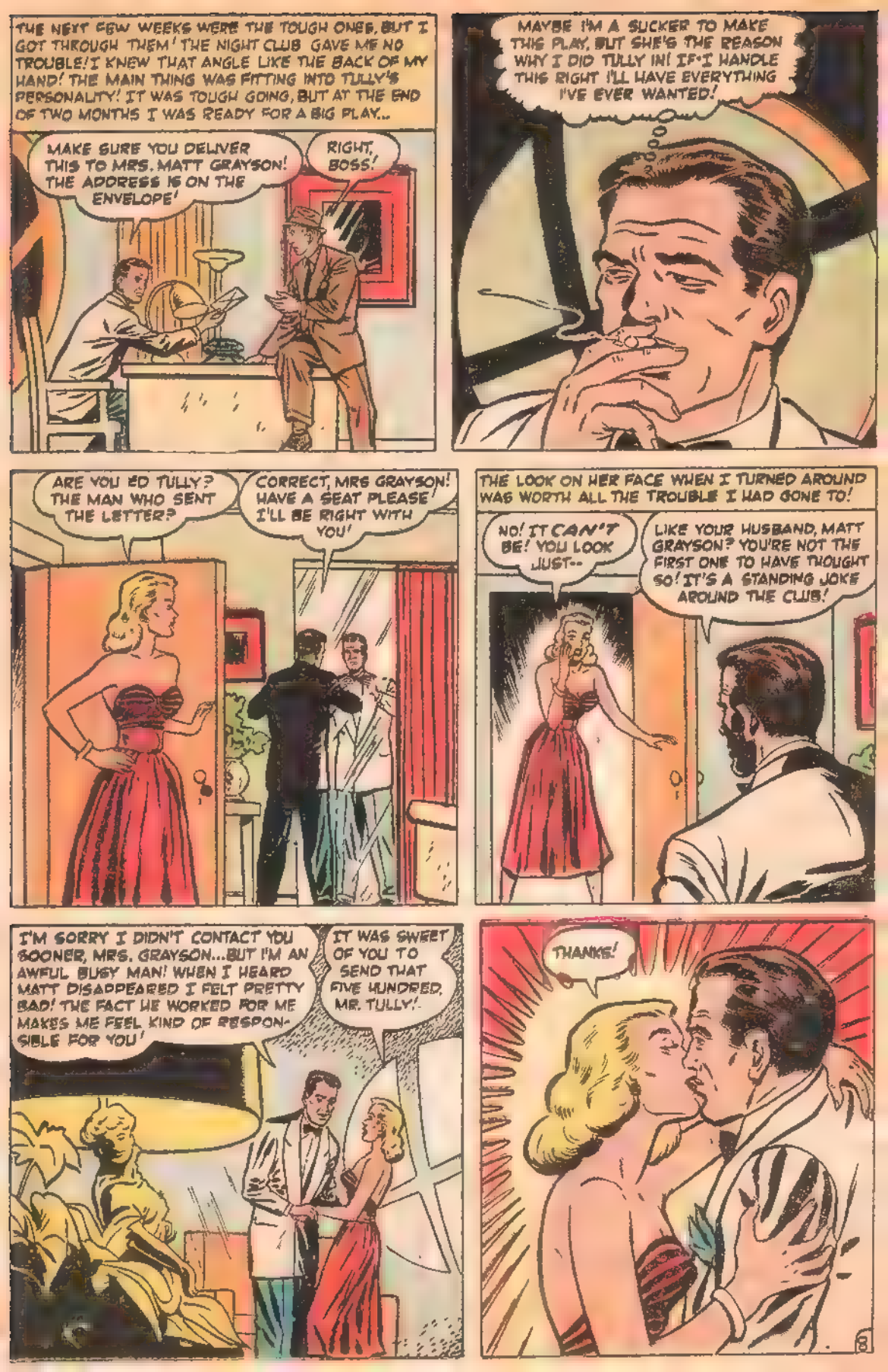
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WERE THE TOUGH ONES, BUT I GOT THROUGH THEM! THE NIGHT CLUB GAVE ME NO TROUBLE! I KNEW THAT ANGLE LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND! THE MAIN THING WAS FITTING INTO TULLY'S PERSONALITY! IT WAS TOUGH GOING, BUT AT THE END OF TWO MONTHS I WAS READY FOR A BIG PLAY...
MAKE SURE YOU DELIVER THIS TO MRS. MATT GRAYSON! THE ADDRESS IS ON THE ENVELOPE!
RIGHT, BOSS!
MAYBE I'M A SUCKER TO MAKE THIS PLAY, BUT SHE'S THE REASON WHY I DID TULLY IN! IF I HANDLE THIS RIGHT I'LL HAVE EVERYTHING I'VE EVER WANTED!
ARE YOU ED TULLY? THE MAN WHO SENT THE LETTER?
CORRECT, MRS GRAYSON! HAVE A SEAT PLEASE! I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU!
THE LOOK ON HER FACE WHEN I TURNED AROUND WAS WORTH ALL THE TROUBLE I HAD GONE TO!
NO! IT CAN'T BE! YOU LOOK JUST--
LIKE YOUR HUSBAND, MATT GRAYSON? YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE TO HAVE THOUGHT SO! IT'S A STANDING JOKE AROUND THE CLUB!
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T CONTACT YOU SOONER, MRS. GRAYSON...BUT I'M AN AWFUL BUSY MAN! WHEN I HEARD MATT DISAPPEARED I FELT PRETTY BAD! THE FACT WE WORKED FOR ME MAKES ME FEEL KIND OF RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU!
IT WAS SWEET OF YOU TO SEND THAT FIVE HUNDRED, MR. TULLY!
THANKS!
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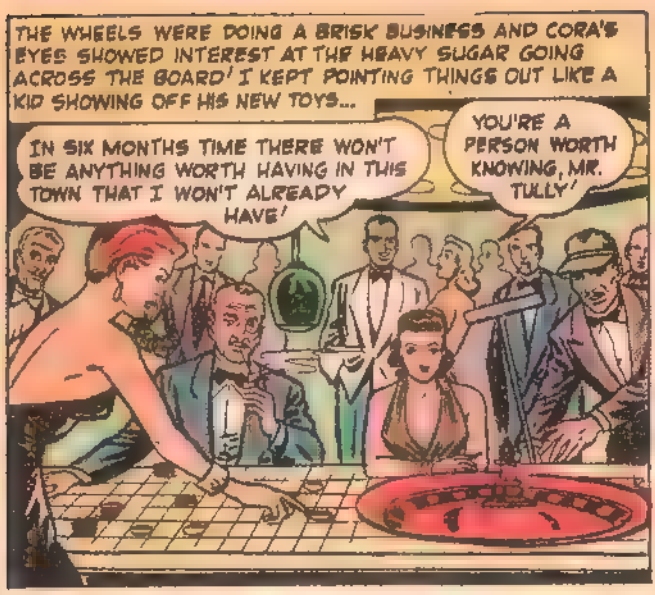
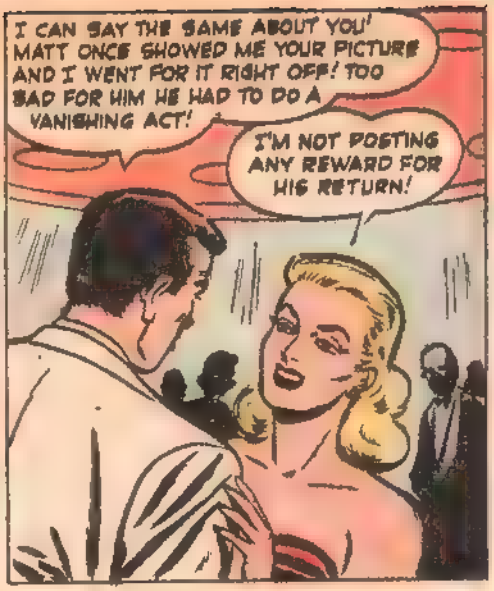
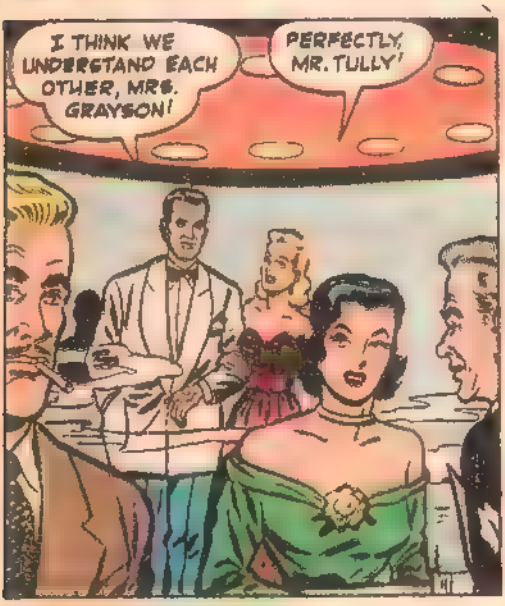
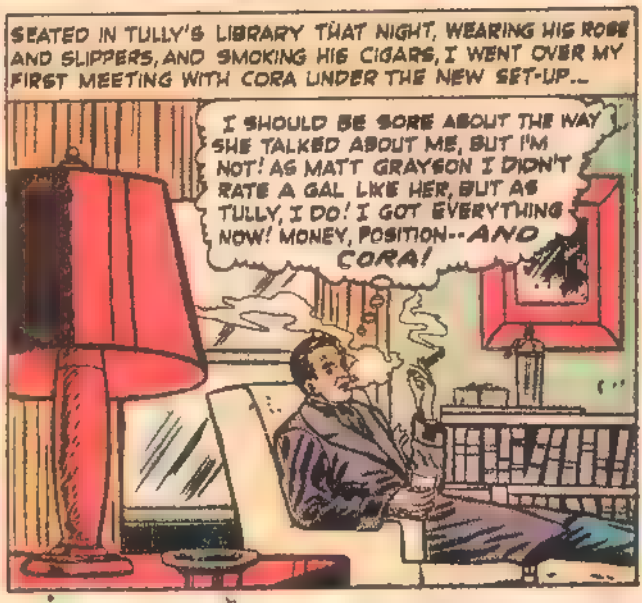
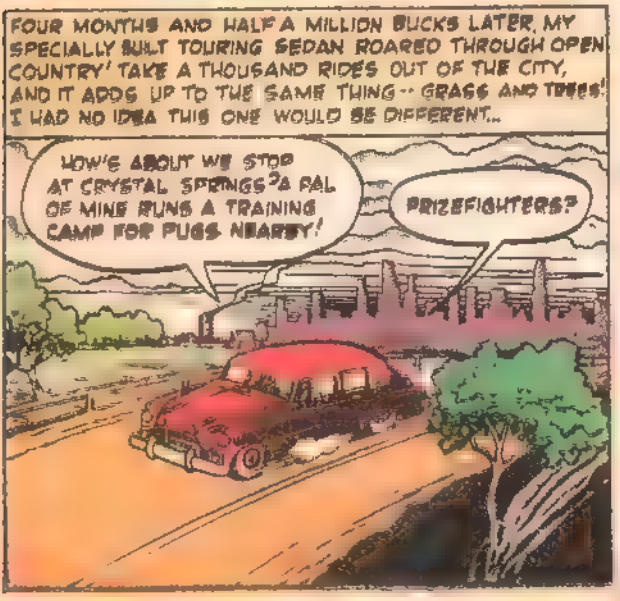
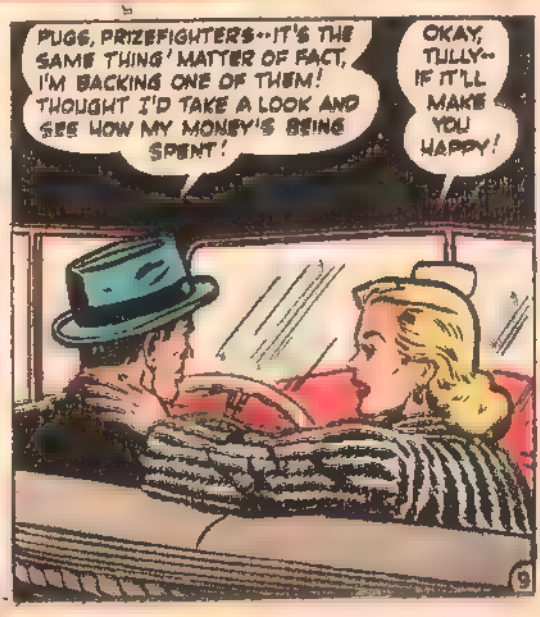

THE WHEELS WERE DOING A BRISK BUSINESS AND CORA'S EYES SHOWED INTEREST AT THE HEAVY SUGAR GOING ACROSS THE BOARD! I KEPT POINTING THINGS OUT LIKE A KID SHOWING OFF HIS NEW TOYS...
IN SIX MONTHS TIME THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING WORTH HAVING IN THIS TOWN THAT I WON'T ALREADY HAVE!
YOU'RE A PERSON WORTH KNOWING, MR. TULLY!

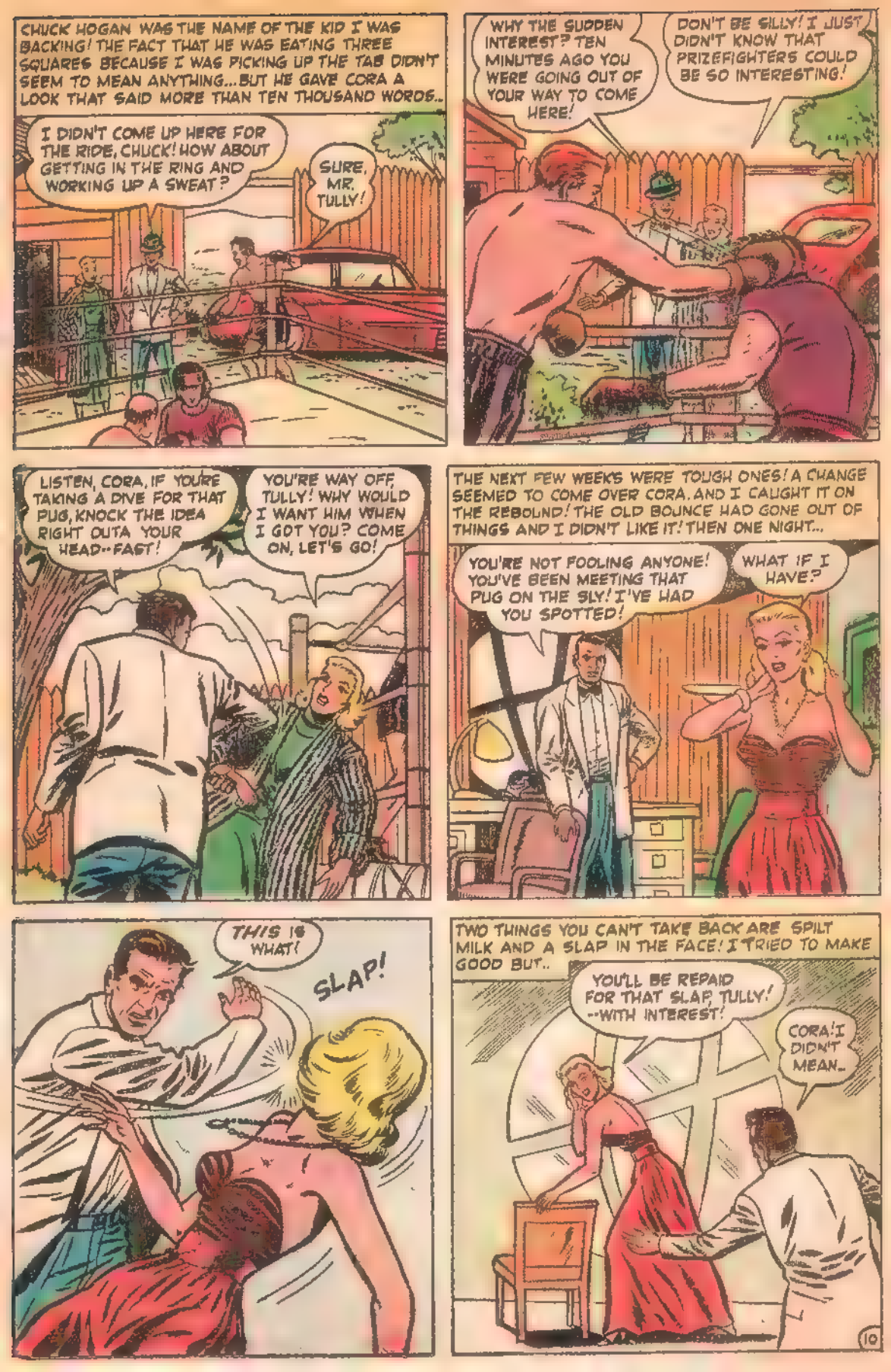

I CAN SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOU! MATT ONCE SHOWED ME YOUR PICTURE AND I WENT FOR IT RIGHT OFF! TOO BAD FOR HIM HE HAD TO DO A VANISHING ACT!
I'M NOT POSTING ANY REWARD FOR HIS RETURN!


I THINK WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, MRS. GRAYSON!
PERFECTLY, MR. TULLY!


SEATED IN TULLY'S LIBRARY THAT NIGHT, WEARING HIS ROBE AND SLIPPERS, AND SMOKING HIS CIGARS, I WENT OVER MY FIRST MEETING WITH CORA UNDER THE NEW SET-UP...
I SHOULD BE SORE ABOUT THE WAY SHE TALKED ABOUT ME, BUT I'M NOT! AS MATT GRAYSON I DIDN'T RATE A GAL LIKE HER, BUT AS TULLY, I DO! I GOT EVERYTHING NOW! MONEY, POSITION--AND CORA!


FOUR MONTHS AND HALF A MILLION BUCKS LATER, MY SPECIALLY BUILT TOURING SEDAN ROARED THROUGH OPEN COUNTRY! TAKE A THOUSAND RIDES OUT OF THE CITY, AND IT ADDS UP TO THE SAME THING -- GRASS AND TREES! I HAD NO IDEA THIS ONE WOULD BE DIFFERENT...
HOW'S ABOUT WE STOP AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS? A PAL OF MINE RUNS A TRAINING CAMP FOR PUGS NEARBY!
PRIZEFIGHTERS?


PUGS, PRIZEFIGHTERS--IT'S THE SAME THING! MATTER OF FACT, I'M BACKING ONE OF THEM! THOUGHT I'D TAKE A LOOK AND SEE HOW MY MONEY'S BEING SPENT!
OKAY, TULLY-- IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY!


CHUCK HOGAN WAS THE NAME OF THE KID I WAS BACKING! THE FACT THAT HE WAS EATING THREE SQUARES BECAUSE I WAS PICKING UP THE TAB DIDN'T SEEM TO MEAN ANYTHING...BUT HE GAVE CORA A LOOK THAT SAID MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND WORDS..
I DIDN'T COME UP HERE FOR THE RIDE, CHUCK! HOW ABOUT GETTING IN THE RING AND WORKING UP A SWEAT?
SURE, MR. TULLY!
WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST? TEN MINUTES AGO YOU WERE GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME HERE!
DON'T BE SILLY! I JUST DIDN'T KNOW THAT PRIZEFIGHTERS COULD BE SO INTERESTING!
LISTEN, CORA, IF YOU'RE TAKING A DIVE FOR THAT PUG, KNOCK THE IDEA RIGHT OUTA YOUR HEAD--FAST!
YOU'RE WAY OFF, TULLY! WHY WOULD I WANT HIM WHEN I GOT YOU? COME ON, LET'S GO!
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WERE TOUGH ONES! A CHANGE SEEMED TO COME OVER CORA, AND I CAUGHT IT ON THE REBOUND! THE OLD BOUNCE HAD GONE OUT OF THINGS AND I DIDN'T LIKE IT! THEN ONE NIGHT...
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE! YOU'VE BEEN MEETING THAT PUG ON THE SLY! I'VE HAD YOU SPOTTED!
WHAT IF I HAVE?
THIS IS WHAT!
SLAP!
TWO THINGS YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK ARE SPILT MILK AND A SLAP IN THE FACE! I TRIED TO MAKE GOOD BUT..
YOU'LL BE REPAID FOR THAT SLAP, TULLY! --WITH INTEREST!
CORA! I DIDN'T MEAN..
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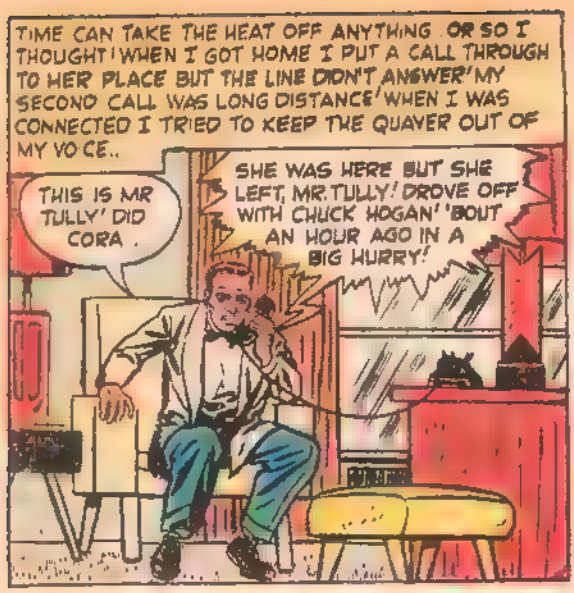
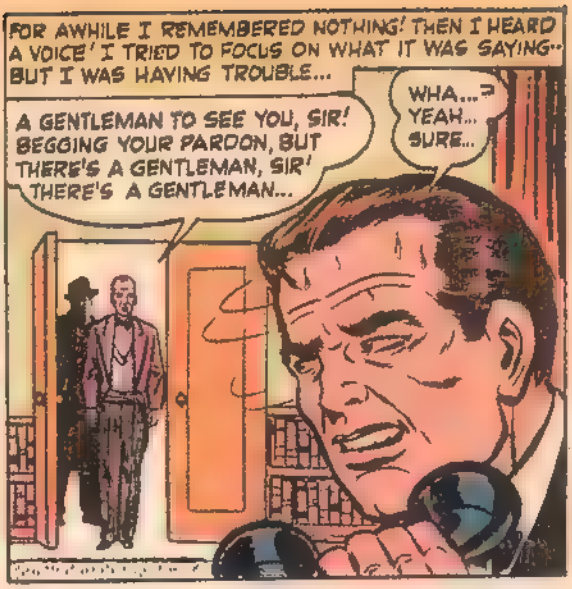
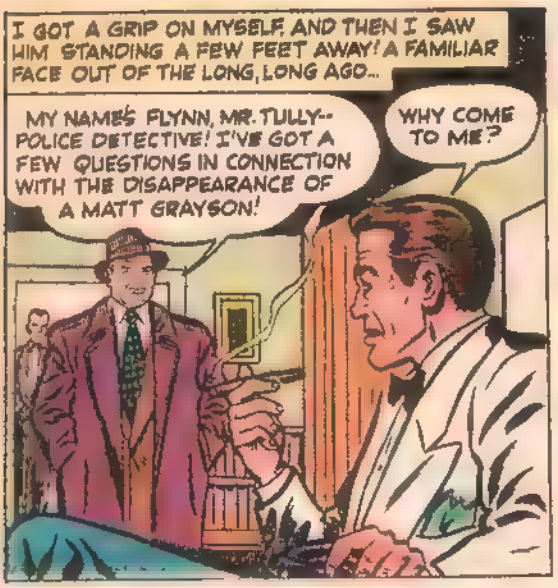
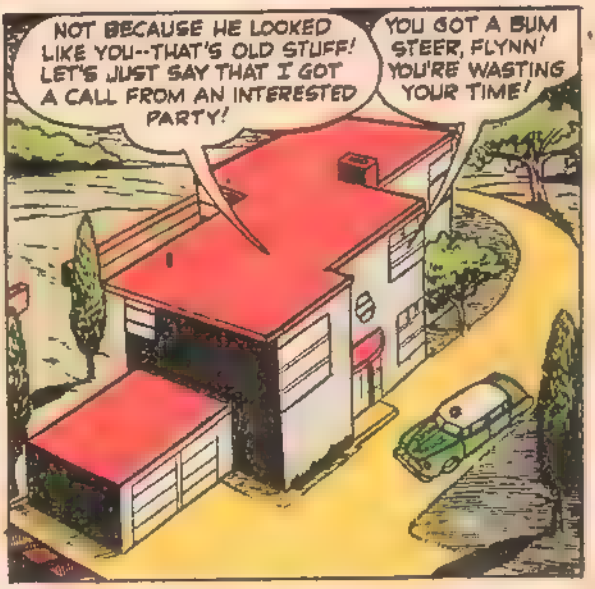
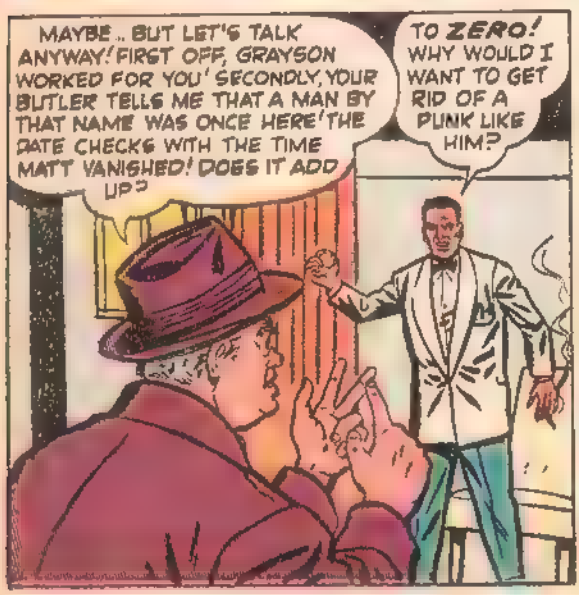

TIME CAN TAKE THE HEAT OFF ANYTHING OR SO I THOUGHT! WHEN I GOT HOME I PUT A CALL THROUGH TO HER PLACE BUT THE LINE DIDN'T ANSWER! MY SECOND CALL WAS LONG DISTANCE! WHEN I WAS CONNECTED I TRIED TO KEEP THE QUAVER OUT OF MY VOICE..
THIS IS MR TULLY! DID CORA .
SHE WAS HERE BUT SHE LEFT, MR. TULLY! DROVE OFF WITH CHUCK HOGAN! 'BOUT AN HOUR AGO IN A BIG HURRY!

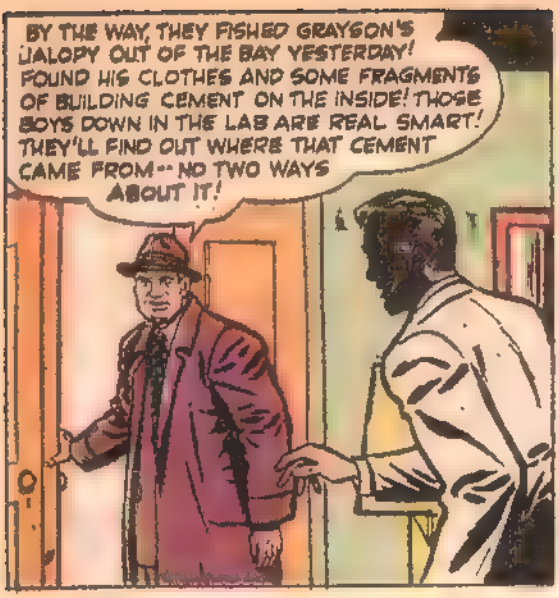

FOR AWHILE I REMEMBERED NOTHING! THEN I HEARD A VOICE! I TRIED TO FOCUS ON WHAT IT WAS SAYING.. BUT I WAS HAVING TROUBLE...
A GENTLEMAN TO SEE YOU, SIR! BEGGING YOUR PARDON, BUT THERE'S A GENTLEMAN, SIR! THERE'S A GENTLEMAN...
WHA...? YEAH... SURE...

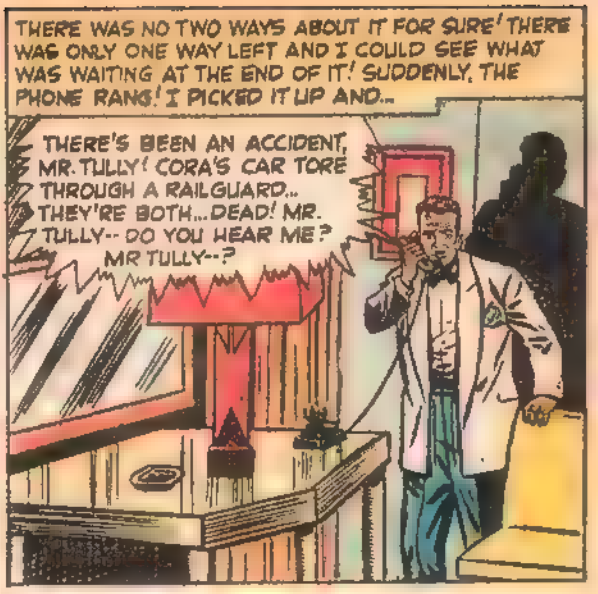

I GOT A GRIP ON MYSELF, AND THEN I SAW HIM STANDING A FEW FEET AWAY! A FAMILIAR FACE OUT OF THE LONG, LONG AGO..
MY NAME'S FLYNN, MR. TULLY-- POLICE DETECTIVE! I'VE GOT A FEW QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A MATT GRAYSON!
WHY COME TO ME?

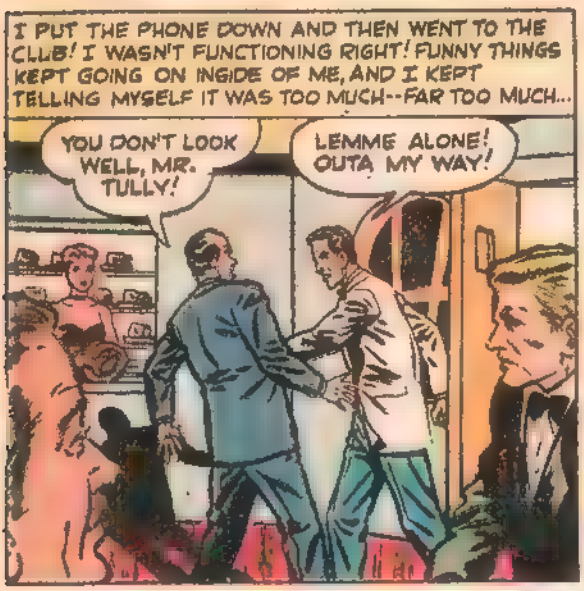

NOT BECAUSE HE LOOKED LIKE YOU--THAT'S OLD STUFF! LET'S JUST SAY THAT I GOT A CALL FROM AN INTERESTED PARTY!
YOU GOT A BUM STEER, FLYNN! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!


MAYBE .. BUT LET'S TALK ANYWAY! FIRST OFF, GRAYSON WORKED FOR YOU! SECONDLY, YOUR BUTLER TELLS ME THAT A MAN BY THAT NAME WAS ONCE HERE! THE DATE CHECKS WITH THE TIME MATT VANISHED! DOES IT ADD UP?
TO ZERO! WHY WOULD I WANT TO GET RID OF A PUNK LIKE HIM?

YOU'VE BEEN DOING THE TOWN WITH HIS WIFE LATELY! IT'S AN OLD MOTIVE, BUT IT STILL HOLDS WATER!
GET OUT OF HERE, FLYNN-- FAST!

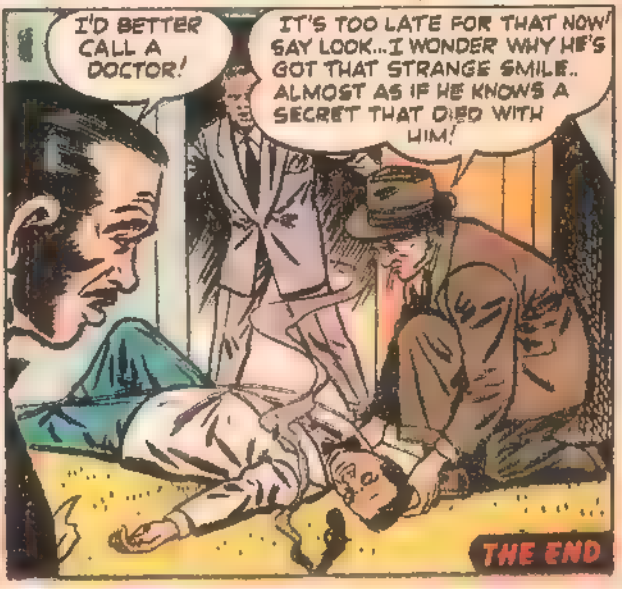

BY THE WAY, THEY FISHED GRAYSON'S JALOPY OUT OF THE BAY YESTERDAY! FOUND HIS CLOTHES AND SOME FRAGMENTS OF BUILDING CEMENT ON THE INSIDE! THOSE BOYS DOWN IN THE LAB ARE REAL SMART! THEY'LL FIND OUT WHERE THAT CEMENT CAME FROM-- NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT!


THERE WAS NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT FOR SURE! THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY LEFT AND I COULD SEE WHAT WAS WAITING AT THE END OF IT! SUDDENLY, THE PHONE RANG! I PICKED IT UP AND..
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT, MR. TULLY! CORA'S CAR TORE THROUGH A RAILGUARD.. THEY'RE BOTH...DEAD! MR. TULLY-- DO YOU HEAR ME? MR TULLY--?


I PUT THE PHONE DOWN AND THEN WENT TO THE CLUB! I WASN'T FUNCTIONING RIGHT! FUNNY THINGS KEPT GOING ON INGIDE OF ME, AND I KEPT TELLING MYSELF IT WAS TOO MUCH--FAR TOO MUCH...
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL, MR. TULLY!
LEMME ALONE! OUTA MY WAY!

THE GAP WAS CLOSING FAST! I HAD GAMBLED AND WON-- BUT WHAT I HAD WON WASN'T WORTH WINNING! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE FLYNN WOULD CATCH UP WITH ME--BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT EVEN THAT LONG...

THE IRONY OF IT ALL WAS SICKENING! SURE, I HAD COMMITTED A PERFECT CRIME, ALL RIGHT! SO PERFECT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE I HADN'T MURDERED MYSELF! WELL, I GAMBLED AND LOST..I HAD LOST EVERYTHING... AND SO...
BANG!


I'D BETTER CALL A DOCTOR!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW! SAY LOOK...I WONDER WHY HE'S GOT THAT STRANGE SMILE.. ALMOST AS IF HE KNOWS A SECRET THAT DIED WITH HIM!
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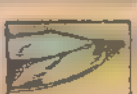

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THE ONE ROAD

CLINT JONES sat at his desk doodling on the telephone pad while he listened to the voice drone on from the other end of the telephone wire that he held in his hand. Doctor Wells was treating him as if he were a patient himself at the Colburn State Asylum, and from the confusion he had scribbled on the pad, he couldn't be sure that the doctor was far away from the truth.

When the doctor had finished his conversation, Clint placed the phone back in its cradle and breathed a deep sigh of relief. He had been given a tough case to handle, but at least he felt that he was getting somewhere. He knew that the man who called himself Joe Smith was somewhere in the big city of New York . . . . even if it did mean picking out *one* person from *eight million people*.

Joe Smith had been a patient at Colburn for over a year. The psychiatrists felt that he was harmless, but in cases of his type, that is, depressive states, it was possible that he might take his own life. That was the conclusion that all except one psychiatrist came to . . . all except Doctor Wells. He thought that Smith was just a petty crook who was laying low for a while in the solitude of an asylum and then planning to go back to his old racket. He had been explaining his reason for doubting Smith over the phone for an hour to Clint, but Clint became lost in the terminology.

Clint took a late plane that night bound for New York City, and on his arrival checked into a secluded hotel on uptown Broadway. From here he planned his attack.

He began by checking his record at police headquarters and learned that he had been in prison for five years on one theft charge and had been questioned about another one. The last interrogation had been just before he was admitted to the asylum. Even though they didn't have a sufficient amount of evidence to convict Smith, the police were convinced that he had been the leader of a gang of hijackers who got away with a truck-load of expensive furs. Smith was transferred to the state asylum before they could break him down.

Clint was able to trace down the address of Smith's mother who lived on the east side in a tenement-like building. She was a heavily built woman who had lived a life of hardship and poverty, and she resented Clint from the beginning.

"I haven't seen that no-good for years and I don't want him around here anymore either," she said.

"Why are you so bitter against your son?" Clint asked.

"Him and his fancy ways," she said in a sarcastic tone. "We were never good enough for him."

When questioned further, Clint discovered that Smith always had plenty of money to spend. According to her, the last she'd heard of him, he had been seeing a girl who lived a few blocks from Clint's hotel.

When Clint telephoned her, he received a quick brush-off.

"I heard he was in a nut house," she said. "That's all I know."

"Didn't he ever try to contact you from there?" Clint asked.

"He got too big for his breeches," she said. "He had too many girls on the string for me."

The more information Clint gathered on the case, the more he realized that Doctor Wells had been right. Joe Smith didn't sound like the depressive type. He sounded as if he were always ready for a good time as long as he had money to spend freely. It seemed logical that he feigned his mental illness and decided to hide out until the furs were no longer hot.

That night Clint put in a long distance call to Doctor Wells to tell him how he had progressed with the case and, also, to ask if Smith had any peculiar habits that might help Clint in his search.

"Of course," he said, "I'm not sure whether he was really a victim of certain habits or whether he used them to fool us, but he had a fanatical desire to keep his hands clean. He washed them at least twenty times a day."

Clint thanked him for the information and that night he sat in his small room and tried to piece parts of the puzzle together. He'd been on the case long enough, he thought, the time was coming for a show-

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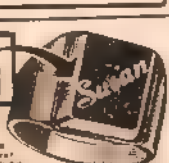

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down. He began that night to make the rounds of some of the most expensive restaurants in the uptown area where Smith had hung out at one time.

He kept a sharp look-out for anyone who might fit the description and characteristics of Smith. Sometimes the management was reluctant about letting him search their place, but when Clint flashed his private investigator's badge, they reacted differently. He went from one plush restaurant to another, and he'd always be sure to question the porters in the men's lounge to discover whether or not they'd ever seen a guy who washed his hands incessantly during the course of an evening. This tiresome routine began to pay off the night he visited a spacious dining spot called Lemont's.

He had gone into the lounge and while he was there a nice-looking, heavily set man walked in. He watched the man wash his hands very carefully in the basin and dry them on the towel the porter handed him. He tipped the porter and rushed out again.

"What a nut," Clint heard the porter say under his breath.

On further questioning Clint discovered that the same man had been in three times before washing his hands carefully, tipping heavily and then leaving.

Clint hurried back into the main part of the club to search for the man. It didn't take him long to spot him with an attractive girl whom he was helping drape a gorgeous mink cape over her shoulders. They were preparing to leave and Clint had to work fast. He called the headwaiter and questioned him about the couple, but he only told Clint that this man had been frequenting the place only lately and always with a new girl.

Clint grabbed his hat and coat from the hat check girl and followed the couple outside. He found a cab to follow theirs and the chase began. The taxi he was following sped uptown toward the Bronx and finally slowed down in front of a luxurious apartment house where the man and woman got out. He evidently told the driver of the cab to wait for him and Clint patiently waited for his return. Then the chase resumed. Clint's cab followed for about forty

minutes, then the leading cab headed toward the waterfront, stopped and the man emerged.

Clint kept a safe distance behind him, losing sight of him sometimes, but catching up with his trail quickly. He saw him enter a deserted warehouse and he waited in the shadow until he was certain that he was safely out of sight. He walked around to the back of the warehouse searching for an opening in which he could squeeze through and found a window slightly open. When Clint was on the inside, he heard voices nearby. Creeping along in the dark, he bumped into something soft and hairy, and on further investigation, he discovered it was a coat . . . a fur coat.

"She said she knew where she could get rid of at least six more coats," Clint heard a male voice say as he approached an open doorway. "At the rate we are going, we should be able to get rid of all of them at the first of the year."

"Yeah, if you aren't caught up with before then. Remember you're an escaped looney," his companion said. "If you'd sat tight a little longer . . ."

"Look, I took all that I could. We're doing all right!"

"Oh, no, you're not," said Clint standing in the doorway with his hand on his gun. "You're not doing well at all."

The two men looked at him startled. His unexpected entrance shocked them so they couldn't speak, and the one who fit the description of Joe Smith suddenly paled.

"I don't know who you are," he said. "I don't even know how I got here." He placed his hand to his head and looked confused.

"Save that for Colburn State," Clint said as he ushered them out of the door. "They're waiting for you . . . and so is the police."

"See, you dumbell," said Smith's companion. "I told you to lay low."

"He couldn't 'lay low'," said Clint. "He had to follow his pattern. He had to take the one road that led me straight to him. His love for high living, expensive tastes, women, and the habit of washing his hands he formed at the asylum were parts of the road he had to follow. When you discover those roads you can find anyone you're looking for . . . even one guy in eight million!"

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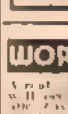

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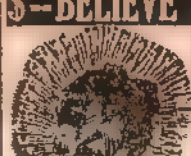

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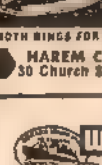

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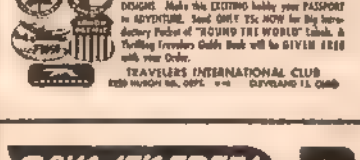

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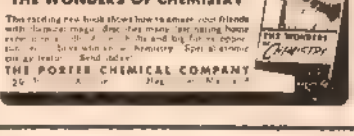

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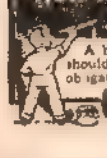

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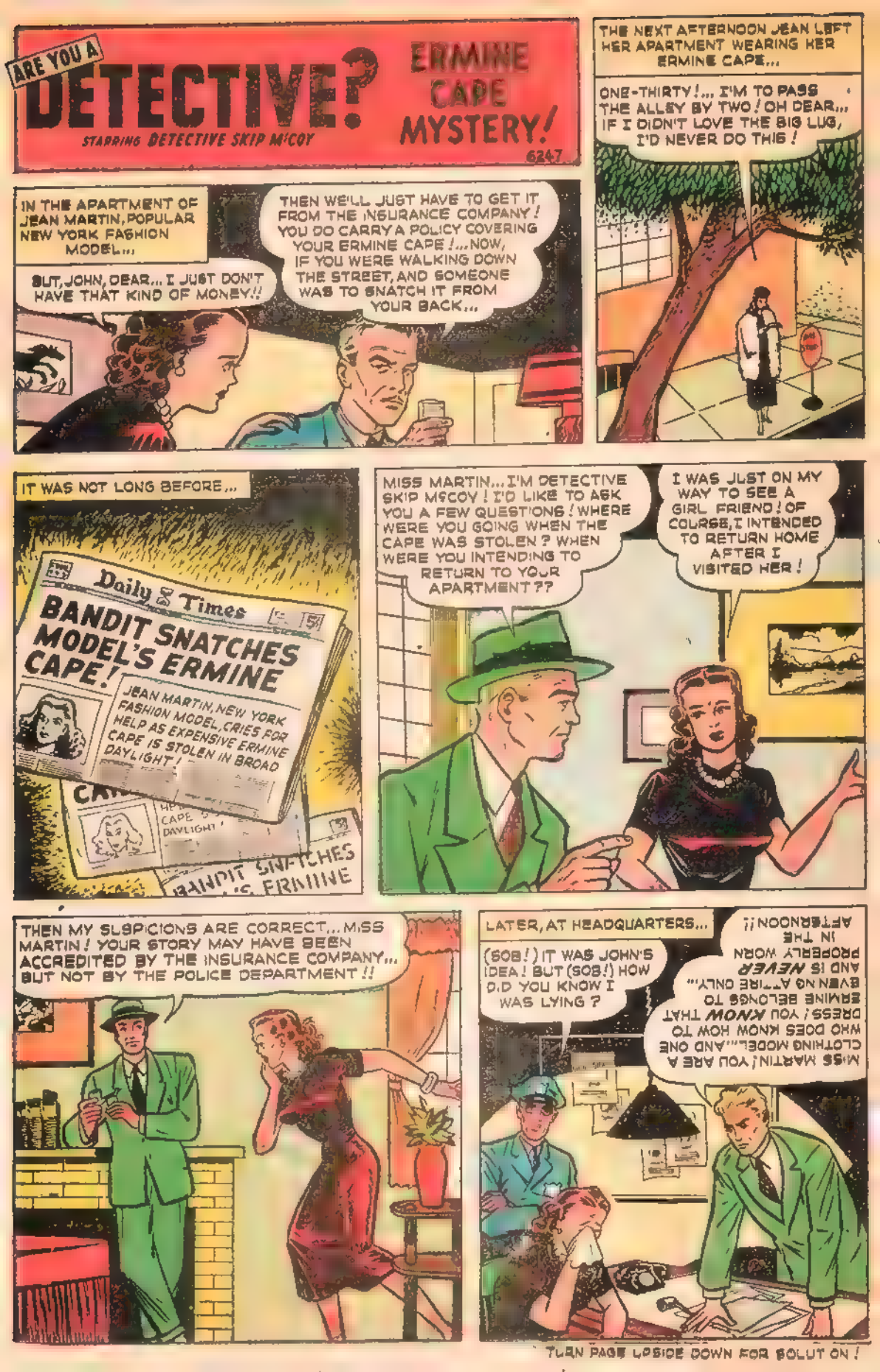
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THE NEXT AFTERNOON JEAN LEFT HER APARTMENT WEARING HER ERMINE CAPE...
ONE-THIRTY!... I'M TO PASS THE ALLEY BY TWO! OH DEAR... IF I DIDN'T LOVE THE BIG LUG, I'D NEVER DO THIS!
IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE...
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JEAN MARTIN, NEW YORK FASHION MODEL, CRIES FOR HELP AS EXPENSIVE ERMINE CAPE IS STOLEN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT!
MISS MARTIN... I'M DETECTIVE SKIP McCOY! I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS! WHERE WERE YOU GOING WHEN THE CAPE WAS STOLEN? WHEN WERE YOU INTENDING TO RETURN TO YOUR APARTMENT??
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY TO SEE A GIRL FRIEND! OF COURSE, I INTENDED TO RETURN HOME AFTER I VISITED HER!
THEN MY SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT... MISS MARTIN! YOUR STORY MAY HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY... BUT NOT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!!
LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...
(SOB!) IT WAS JOHN'S IDEA! BUT (SOB!) HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS LYING?
MISS MARTIN! YOU ARE A CLOTHING MODEL...AND ONE WHO DOES KNOW HOW TO DRESS! YOU KNOW THAT ERMINE BELONGS TO EVENING ATTIRE ONLY... AND IS NEVER PROPERLY WORN IN THE AFTERNOON!!
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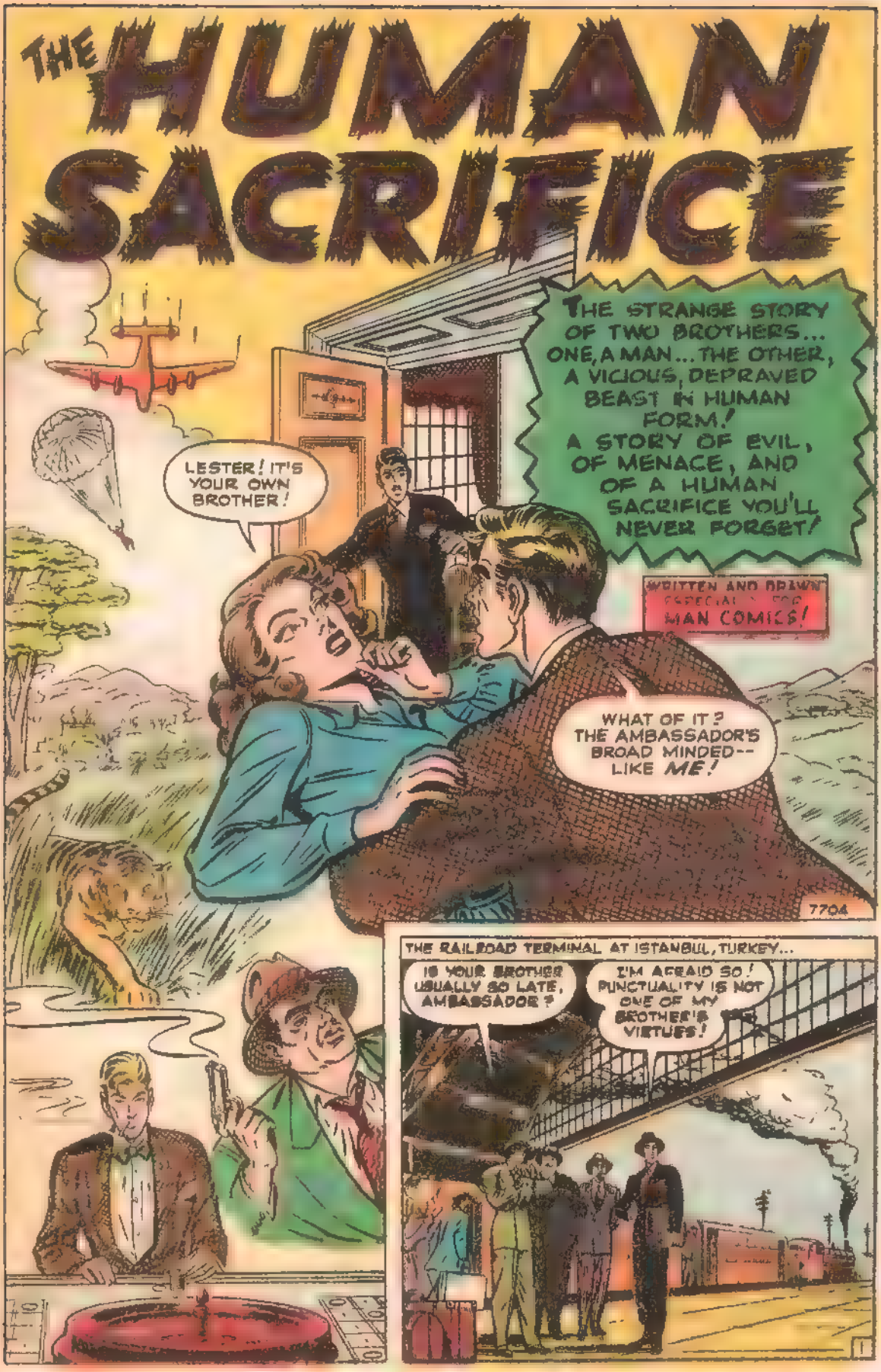
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THE STRANGE STORY OF TWO BROTHERS... ONE, A MAN... THE OTHER, A VICIOUS, DEPRAVED BEAST IN HUMAN FORM! A STORY OF EVIL, OF MENACE, AND OF A HUMAN SACRIFICE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!
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LESTER! IT'S YOUR OWN BROTHER!
WHAT OF IT? THE AMBASSADOR'S BROAD MINDED-- LIKE ME!
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THE RAILROAD TERMINAL AT ISTANBUL, TURKEY...
IS YOUR BROTHER USUALLY SO LATE, AMBASSADOR?
I'M AFRAID SO! PUNCTUALITY IS NOT ONE OF MY BROTHER'S VIRTUES!

IN FACT, LESTER HASN'T ANY VIRTUES! BUT HE'S MY BROTHER! I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT, MY BROTHER!
SEE HIM COMING, FAYE?
NOT YET, TONY! BUT HE'LL BE HERE! HE ALWAYS MAKES IT AT THE LAST MINUTE!
WHAT'S KEEPING VARADI?! HE KNOWS MY BROTHER IS WAITING AT THE STATION! THE TRAIN LEAVES FOR ANKARA IN FIVE MINUTES!
SO THEY'LL HOLD THE TRAIN! THEY'VE DONE IT BEFORE! THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE LATE!
DO I DETECT A NOTE OF IMPATIENCE IN THE VOICE OF MY GOOD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, MR GRANT?
VARADI! WHAT THE DEVIL! YOU KNOW I HAD TO CATCH THIS TRAIN! DO YOU WANT TO SPOIL THINGS? HOW LONG DO YOU THINK I CAN KEEP STRAINING MY BROTHER'S PATIENCE?
FOREVER, IF NECESSARY! HE'LL STAND FOR ANYTHING! HE CAN'T HELP HIMSELF! HE CARES FOR YOU, THOUGH HEAVEN KNOWS WHY... YOUR MONEY, LESTER!
$ 500?! YOU PROMISED ME $ 3,000!
I HAD YOUR GAMBLING DEBTS TO PAY! YOU LOST A LOT OF MONEY ON THE WHEELS, LESTER! TIRANA HAD TO BE PAID, EH, TIRANA?
ONE CAN'T LIVE ON KISSES! LESTER KNOWS THAT!
BESIDES, THE INFORMATION TRANSMITTED TO US WAS OF LITTLE VALUE! LOW SECRETS BRING LITTLE MONEY! TOP SECRETS, TOP MONEY! SO-- TAKE YOUR MONEY, LESTER! I'LL PHONE YOU IN ANKAR-- OWWW!
YOU LIE, VARADI! I KNOW WHAT WAS IN THOSE DOCUMENTS MY BROTHER'S SECRETARY COPIED FOR ME-- I SHOULD GET TEN TIMES THIS MONEY!
COVER HIM!--TIRANA, BRING ME A HANKERCHIEF! I'M BLEEDING! YOU STUPID, WEAK FOOL!
THIS IS WHAT YOU OUGHT TO GET!
SMACK!
MISERABLE TRAITOR! SELLING OUT YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR BROTHER'S TRUST BECAUSE OF YOUR LUST FOR GAMBLING, YOUR GREED FOR FINE WINES AND PRETTY WOMEN! IN MY COUNTRY, YOU'D GET A BULLET BEHIND THE EAR FOR YOUR FILTHY WORK!
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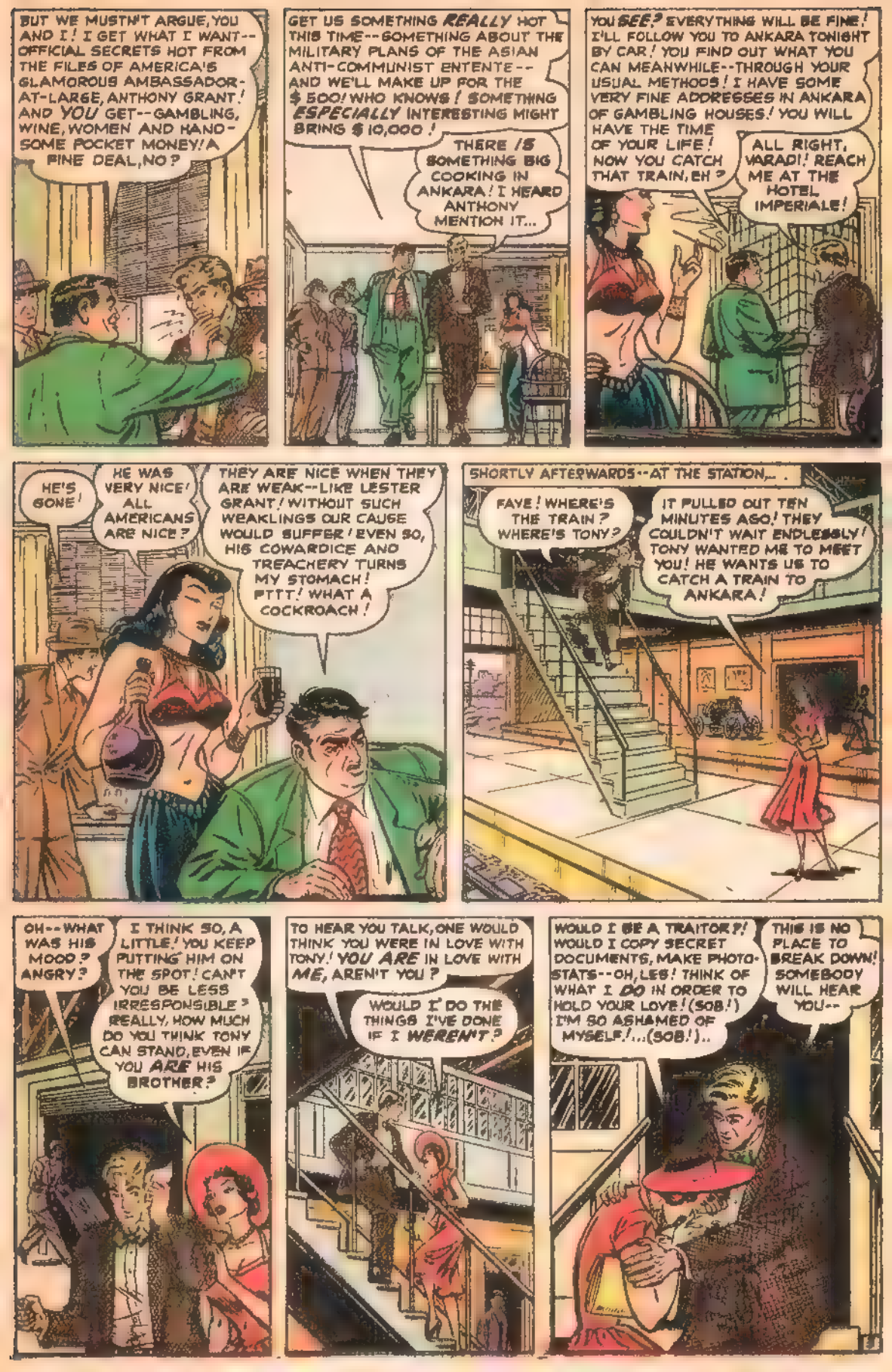
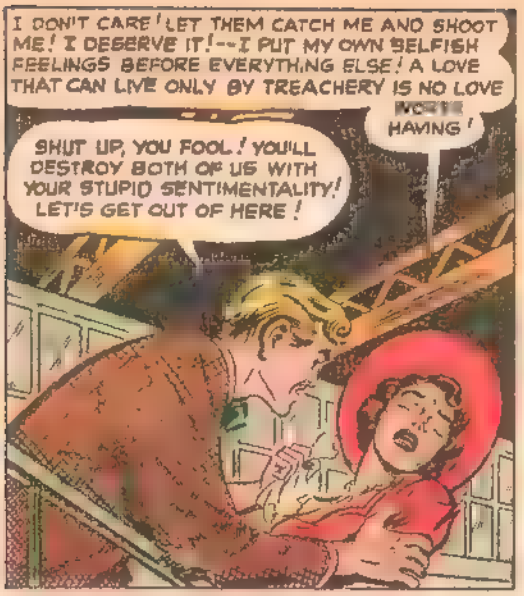
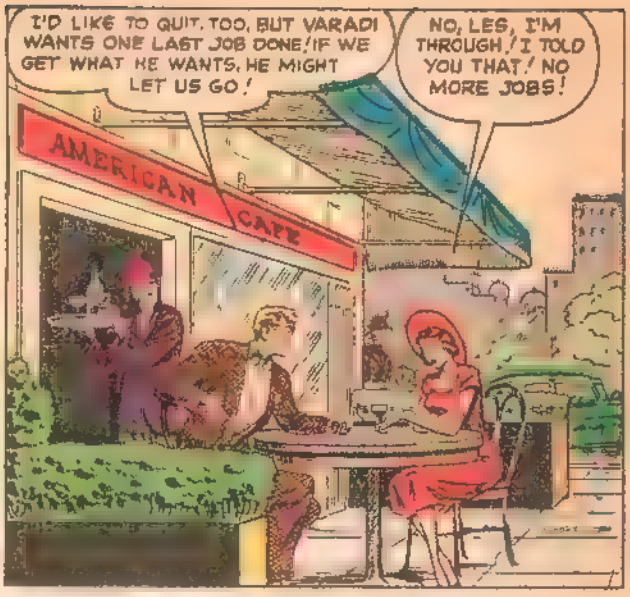

BUT WE MUSTN'T ARGUE, YOU AND I! I GET WHAT I WANT--OFFICIAL SECRETS HOT FROM THE FILES OF AMERICA'S GLAMOROUS AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE, ANTHONY GRANT! AND YOU GET--GAMBLING, WINE, WOMEN AND HANDSOME POCKET MONEY! A FINE DEAL, NO?
GET US SOMETHING REALLY HOT THIS TIME--SOMETHING ABOUT THE MILITARY PLANS OF THE ASIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ENTENTE--AND WE'LL MAKE UP FOR THE $500! WHO KNOWS! SOMETHING ESPECIALLY INTERESTING MIGHT BRING $10,000!
THERE IS SOMETHING BIG COOKING IN ANKARA! I HEARD ANTHONY MENTION IT...
YOU SEE? EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE! I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO ANKARA TONIGHT BY CAR! YOU FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN MEANWHILE--THROUGH YOUR USUAL METHODS! I HAVE SOME VERY FINE ADDRESSES IN ANKARA OF GAMBLING HOUSES! YOU WILL HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE! NOW YOU CATCH THAT TRAIN, EH?
ALL RIGHT, VARADI! REACH ME AT THE HOTEL IMPERIALE!
HE'S GONE!
HE WAS VERY NICE! ALL AMERICANS ARE NICE?
THEY ARE NICE WHEN THEY ARE WEAK--LIKE LESTER GRANT! WITHOUT SUCH WEAKLINGS OUR CAUSE WOULD SUFFER! EVEN SO, HIS COWARDICE AND TREACHERY TURNS MY STOMACH! PTTT! WHAT A COCKROACH!
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS--AT THE STATION...
FAYE! WHERE'S THE TRAIN? WHERE'S TONY?
IT PULLED OUT TEN MINUTES AGO! THEY COULDN'T WAIT ENDLESSLY! TONY WANTED ME TO MEET YOU! HE WANTS US TO CATCH A TRAIN TO ANKARA!
OH--WHAT WAS HIS MOOD? ANGRY?
I THINK SO, A LITTLE! YOU KEEP PUTTING HIM ON THE SPOT! CAN'T YOU BE LESS IRRESPONSIBLE? REALLY, HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK TONY CAN STAND, EVEN IF YOU ARE HIS BROTHER?
TO HEAR YOU TALK, ONE WOULD THINK YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH TONY! YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH ME, AREN'T YOU?
WOULD I DO THE THINGS I'VE DONE IF I WEREN'T?
WOULD I BE A TRAITOR?! WOULD I COPY SECRET DOCUMENTS, MAKE PHOTOSTATS--OH, LES! THINK OF WHAT I DO IN ORDER TO HOLD YOUR LOVE! (SOB!) I'M SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF!...(SOB!)..
THIS IS NO PLACE TO BREAK DOWN! SOMEBODY WILL HEAR YOU--

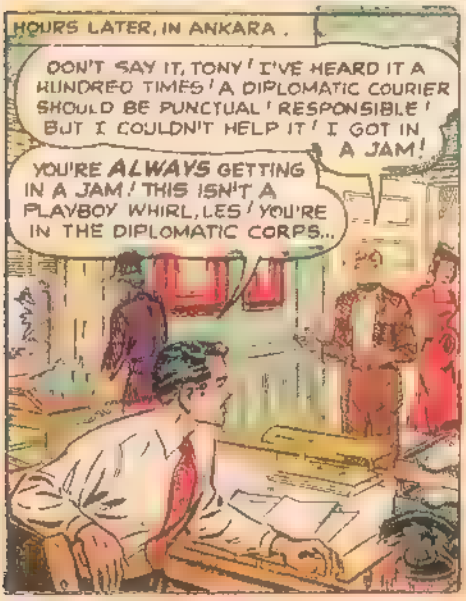

I DON'T CARE! LET THEM CATCH ME AND SHOOT ME! I DESERVE IT!--I PUT MY OWN SELFISH FEELINGS BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE! A LOVE THAT CAN LIVE ONLY BY TREACHERY IS NO LOVE WORTH HAVING!
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! YOU'LL DESTROY BOTH OF US WITH YOUR STUPID SENTIMENTALITY! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

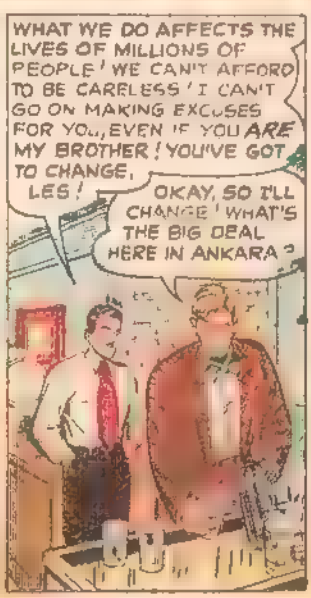

I'D LIKE TO QUIT, TOO, BUT VARADI WANTS ONE LAST JOB DONE! IF WE GET WHAT HE WANTS, HE MIGHT LET US GO!
NO, LES, I'M THROUGH! I TOLD YOU THAT! NO MORE JOBS!
AMERICAN CAFE

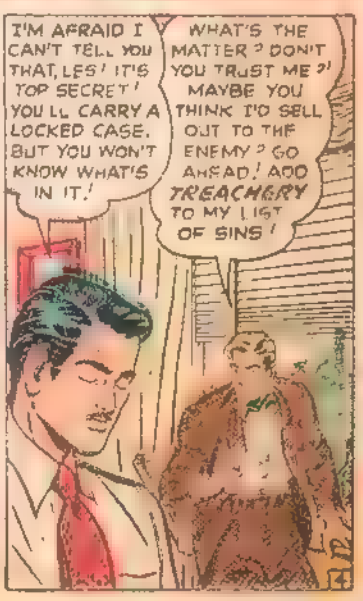
THERE'S GOT TO BE ANOTHER JOB, FAYE! VARADI'S THUGS WILL KILL ME IF THERE ISN'T ONE! DO YOU WANT ME DEAD?
NO! I WANT YOU LIKE YOUR BROTHER ANTHONY, HONEST, CLEAN... SOMEBODY I CAN RESPECT!

WHO ARE YOU KIDDING?-- YOU WANT ME! ONE LAST JOB, FAYE! THEN WE'LL GO AWAY TOGETHER! SAY YES! YOU'VE GOT TO!
YOU'RE SUCH A LOUSE, LESTER! WHY ARE YOU SUCH A LOUSE? WHY AM I SO WEAK?

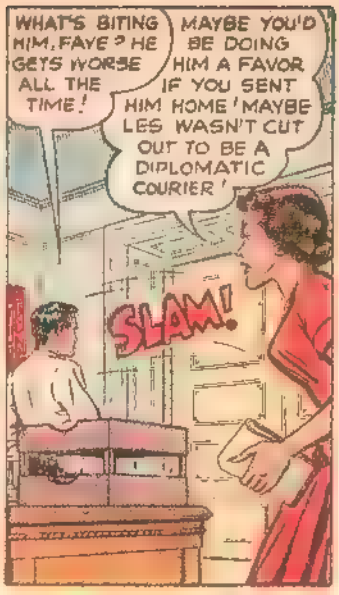
BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME! PEOPLE IN LOVE ARE ALWAYS WEAK! ANTHONY IS WEAK! WHY ELSE WOULD HE PUT UP WITH ME? LOVE AND WEAKNESS GO HAND-IN-HAND!

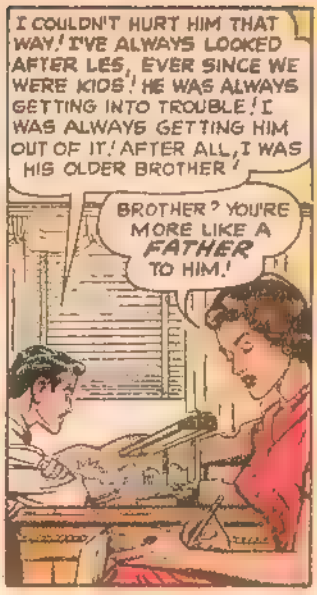

HOURS LATER, IN ANKARA.
DON'T SAY IT, TONY! I'VE HEARD IT A HUNDRED TIMES! A DIPLOMATIC COURIER SHOULD BE PUNCTUAL! RESPONSIBLE! BUT I COULDN'T HELP IT! I GOT IN A JAM!
YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING IN A JAM! THIS ISN'T A PLAYBOY WHIRL, LES! YOU'RE IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS...


WHAT WE DO AFFECTS THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE CARELESS! I CAN'T GO ON MAKING EXCUSES FOR YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE MY BROTHER! YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE, LES!
OKAY, SO I'LL CHANGE! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL HERE IN ANKARA?

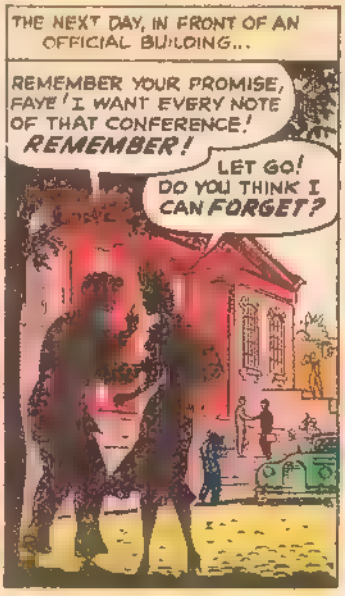

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT, LES! IT'S TOP SECRET! YOU'LL CARRY A LOCKED CASE. BUT YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T YOU TRUST ME? MAYBE YOU THINK I'D SELL OUT TO THE ENEMY? GO AHEAD! ADD TREACHERY TO MY LIST OF SINS!

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, LES? PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER! YOU'RE LIKE A TAUT STRING...
LET GO! DON'T GIVE ME THAT BIG BROTHER ACT! I'M SICK OF IT! ANTHONY GRANT--THE SAINT WHO COULD DO NO WRONG! THE PERFECT DIPLOMAT! THE PERFECT HUMAN! I'M SICK OF YOUR HOLY AIRS!


WHAT'S BITING HIM, FAYE? HE GETS WORSE ALL THE TIME!
MAYBE YOU'D BE DOING HIM A FAVOR IF YOU SENT HIM HOME! MAYBE LES WASN'T CUT OUT TO BE A DIPLOMATIC COURIER!
SLAM!

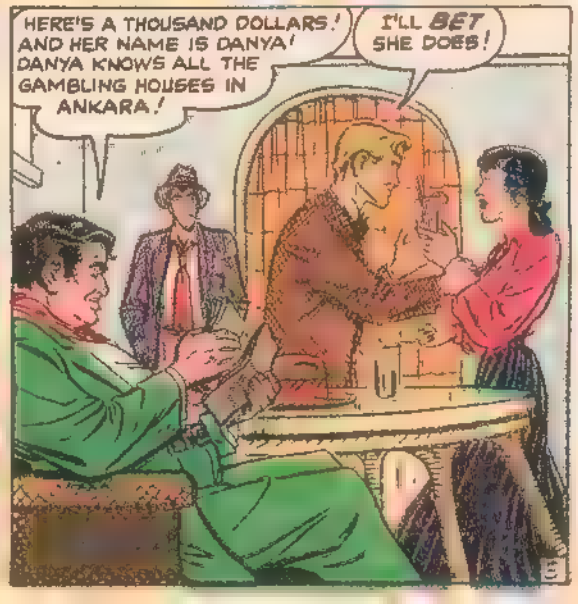

I COULDN'T HURT HIM THAT WAY! I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER LES, EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS! HE WAS ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE! I WAS ALWAYS GETTING HIM OUT OF IT! AFTER ALL, I WAS HIS OLDER BROTHER!
BROTHER? YOU'RE MORE LIKE A FATHER TO HIM!

WHATEVER THE RELATIONSHIP, I'M HELPLESS! I GET THE FEELING THAT IF I DON'T KEEP AN EYE ON LESTER, SOMETHING TERRIBLE WILL HAPPEN TO HIM!
YOU MEAN--YOU'RE IN A TRAP, A TRAP OF RESPONSIBILITY! AND YOU CAN'T GET OUT BECAUSE IT HURTS MORE GETTING OUT THAN STAYING IN! I KNOW--I'M IN A TRAP, TOO!

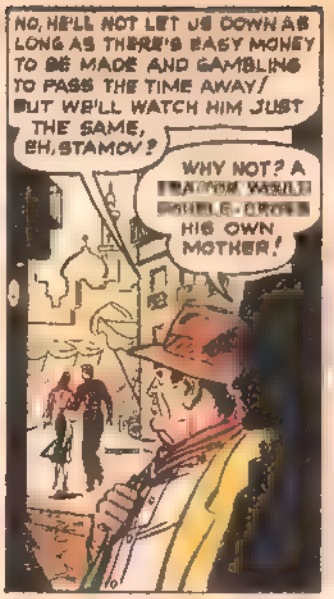

THE NEXT DAY, IN FRONT OF AN OFFICIAL BUILDING...
REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE, FAYE! I WANT EVERY NOTE OF THAT CONFERENCE! REMEMBER!
LET GO! DO YOU THINK I CAN FORGET?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, FAYE? FEELING ILL?
NO, MR. GRANT! IT'S THE HEAT! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A SECOND!

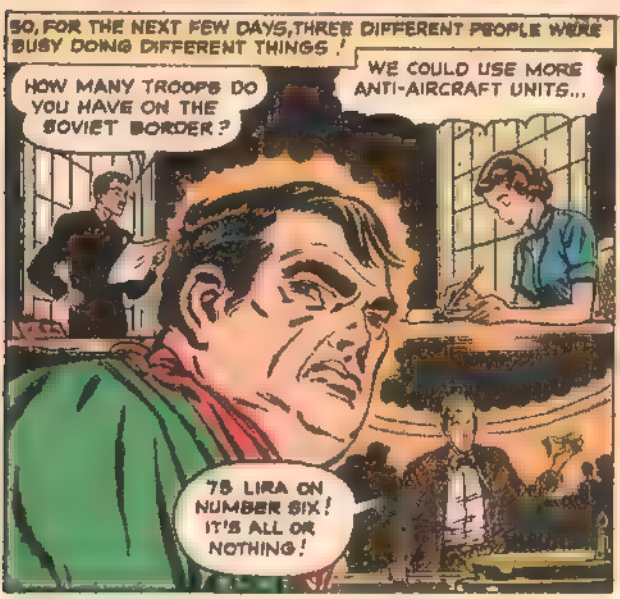
WELCOME TO ANKARA, MR. GRANT! WELL? HOW DO OUR FORTUNES GO?
THEY'D GO BETTER WITH A $1,000 ADVANCE AND AN INTRODUCTION TO THAT VISION OF TURKISH DELIGHT!

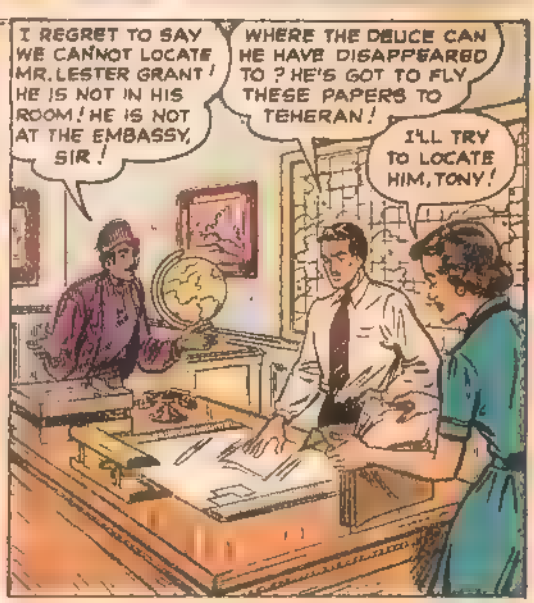

HERE'S A THOUSAND DOLLARS! AND HER NAME IS DANYA! DANYA KNOWS ALL THE GAMBLING HOUSES IN ANKARA!
I'LL BET SHE DOES!

THERE MUST BE NO SLIP-UPS, MY FRIEND! GRANT'S SECRETARY--SHE WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO? SHE WILL NOT BETRAY US?
SEE THIS HAND? THAT'S THE PALM SHE EATS OUT OF! WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT, VARADI? HAVE I EVER LET YOU DOWN BEFORE?

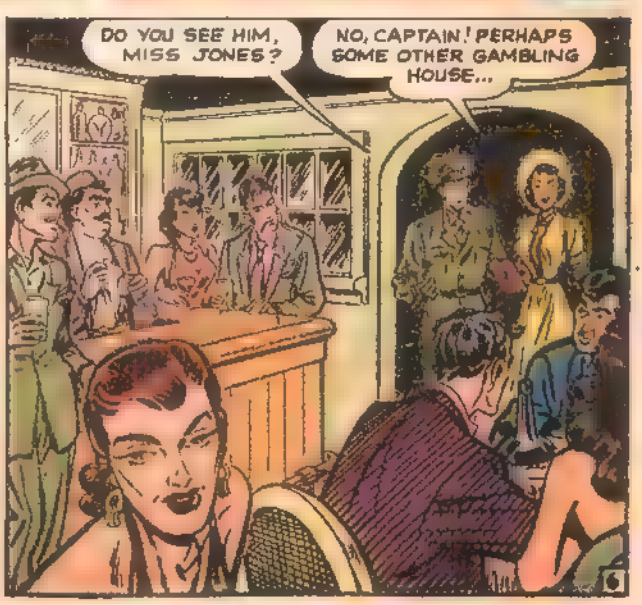

NO, HE'LL NOT LET US DOWN AS LONG AS THERE'S EASY MONEY TO BE MADE AND GAMBLING TO PASS THE TIME AWAY! BUT WE'LL WATCH HIM JUST THE SAME, EH, STAMOV?
WHY NOT? A [redacted] HIS OWN MOTHER!

AND SO, A HALF HOUR LATER...
ATHENS, CONSTANTINOPLE, RHODES, CAIRO--ALWAYS THE SAME! THE LITTLE BALL GOES ROUND! MR. GRANT LOSES! HE SELLS MORE SECRETS! HE LOSES AGAIN! A NOBLE LIFE!
TEN LIRA ON 22! ISN'T THAT YOUR AGE, MY SWEET!


SO, FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE WERE BUSY DOING DIFFERENT THINGS!
HOW MANY TROOPS DO YOU HAVE ON THE SOVIET BORDER?
WE COULD USE MORE ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS...
75 LIRA ON NUMBER SIX! IT'S ALL OR NOTHING!


I REGRET TO SAY WE CANNOT LOCATE MR. LESTER GRANT! HE IS NOT IN HIS ROOM! HE IS NOT AT THE EMBASSY, SIR!
WHERE THE DEUCE CAN HE HAVE DISAPPEARED TO? HE'S GOT TO FLY THESE PAPERS TO TEHERAN!
I'LL TRY TO LOCATE HIM, TONY!

TAKE A GUIDE WITH YOU, FAYE! THE PLACES LES MIGHT VISIT SHOULDN'T BE TOURED BY AN UNESCORTED GIRL! GAMBLING JOINTS, BARS, ALL SORTS OF PLACES!
I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, TONY!


DO YOU SEE HIM, MISS JONES?
NO, CAPTAIN! PERHAPS SOME OTHER GAMBLING HOUSE...

THERE GOES THE LAST OF IT! GOOD RIDDANCE! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, DANYA! WE HAVE ENOUGH LEFT FOR A DRINK AND A DANCE!
AND NOTHING FOR DANYA?

KISSES FOR DANYA! MANY KISSES!
LES!

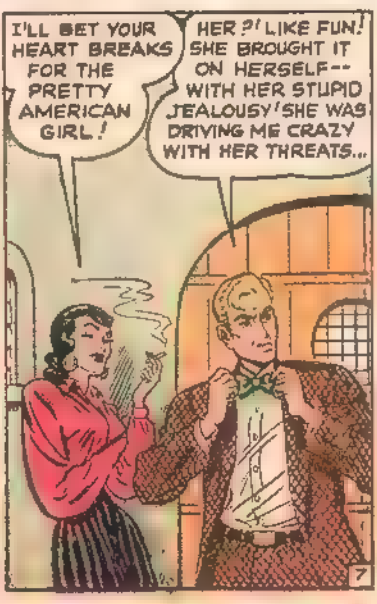
FAYE!--LOOK! DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, FAYE! I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
YOU NEEDN'T! I UNDERSTAND CLEARLY!--IN ADDITION TO YOUR OTHER NAMELESS VIRTUES, YOU'RE A CHEAT AND A LIAR, WHILE I'VE BEEN A GULLIBLE FOOL! CAPTAIN, TAKE ME BACK TO MY HOTEL!

INCIDENTALLY, WHEN I GET THERE, I'LL TELL ANTHONY EVERYTHING! EVERYTHING, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!
BUT YOU MUSTN'T, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE SENTENCING ME TO DEATH!
HOLD IT, MISTER! THE LADY WANTS TO LEAVE!

TROUBLE, SWEETHEART?
WORSE! OUR WHOLE PLAN IS IN PERIL! SHE'LL BETRAY ME TO MY BROTHER! STAMOV!--WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
TRAILING YOU, OF COURSE! TROUBLE, I SEE!

CAN YOU REASON WITH HER?
NO! SHE'S INSANELY JEALOUS OF ME! SHE CAUGHT ME KISSING DANYA! SHE'LL TAKE REVENGE BY BETRAYING OUR PLANS TO MY BROTHER!
THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

NO, STAMOV! NO!! YOU CAN'T KILL HER!
SHUT UP--AND GET BACK TO YOUR HOTEL! PRETEND YOU KNOW NOTHING! YOU NEVER SAW HER! OR YOU'LL GET THE SAME!


I'LL BET YOUR HEART BREAKS FOR THE PRETTY AMERICAN GIRL!
HER?! LIKE FUN! SHE BROUGHT IT ON HERSELF--WITH HER STUPID JEALOUSY! SHE WAS DRIVING ME CRAZY WITH HER THREATS...

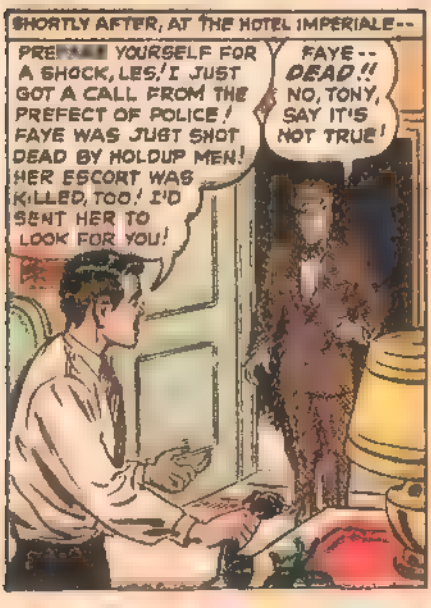
I COULDN'T DECIDE WHICH WAS WORSE-- THE FEAR OF HER THREATS OR THE BOREDOM OF HER CLOYING AFFECTION! IN ANY CASE, IT'LL BE A RELIEF NEVER TO SEE HER AGAIN!
YOU HAVE A COLD HEART, MR. GRANT! NO WONDER YOU ARE SUCH AN IMPORTANT MAN!

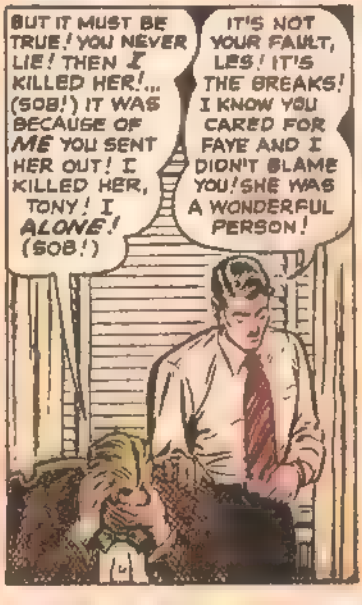
MAY I ASK A QUESTION? ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH MR. GRANT'S BROTHER?
I WAS IN LOVE WITH NOTHING, AN ILLUSION! NOW I SEE THINGS CLEARLY! I MUST MAKE AMENDS... NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

MISS JONES! GET DOWN!
THEY'RE ASSASSINS! I ONCE SAW THESE MEN--WITH VARADI! LESTER--MUST'VE SENT THEM AFTER US!

OHHHH!
NO! NO! DON'T SHOOT! I WON'T BETRAY YOU! I-- ARGHHHH!

QUICK! REMOVE THEIR MONEY AND VALUABLES! THIS MUST LOOK LIKE A HOLDUP! I'LL WATCH THE STREETS!


SHORTLY AFTER, AT THE HOTEL IMPERIALE--
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SHOCK, LES,! I JUST GOT A CALL FROM THE PREFECT OF POLICE! FAYE WAS JUST SHOT DEAD BY HOLDUP MEN! HER ESCORT WAS KILLED, TOO! I'D SENT HER TO LOOK FOR YOU!
FAYE-- DEAD!! NO, TONY, SAY IT'S NOT TRUE!


BUT IT MUST BE TRUE! YOU NEVER LIE! THEN I KILLED HER!... (SOB!) IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME YOU SENT HER OUT! I KILLED HER, TONY! I ALONE! (SOB!)
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, LES! IT'S THE BREAKS! I KNOW YOU CARED FOR FAYE AND I DIDN'T BLAME YOU! SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON!

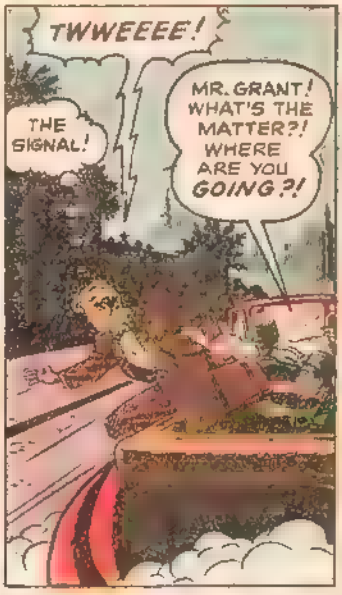
YOU WON'T GET OVER YOUR GRIEF SUDDENLY OR EASILY! BUT THE BEST CURE IS WORK, LES! AND WORK THERE'S PLENTY OF! IN FACT YOU'VE GOT TO FLY TO TEHERAN TONIGHT! TOP SECRET STUFF!
THE CONFERENCE DECISIONS?

YES! THE ONLY COPIES I HAVE! FAYE WAS GOING TO TYPE DUPLICATES TONIGHT! I NEEDN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THESE PAPERS MUSTN'T FALL INTO THE HANDS OF ENEMY AGENTS!
YOU CAN TRUST ME, TONY!

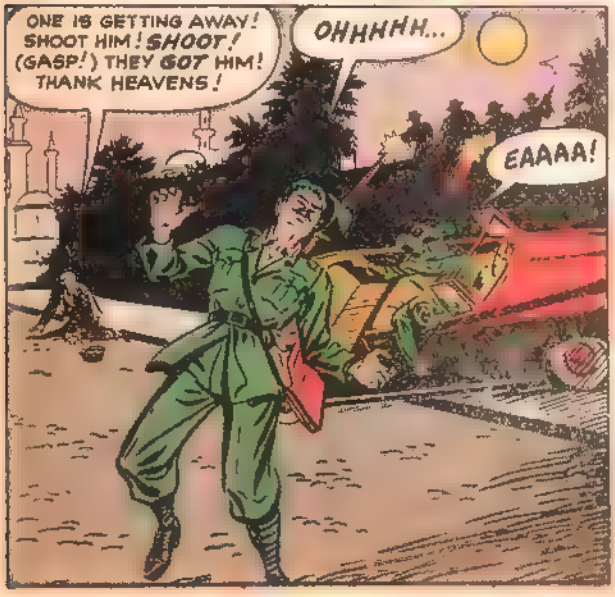
VARADI? I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME! I'LL BE CARRYING THE DECISIONS TO TEHERAN TONIGHT!
AN ARMED ESCORT WILL ACCOMPANY ME! THEY COULD BE AMBUSHED BY MACHINE-GUNNERS! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?
PERFECTLY! I'LL EVEN SEE THAT YOU GET A SCRATCH!

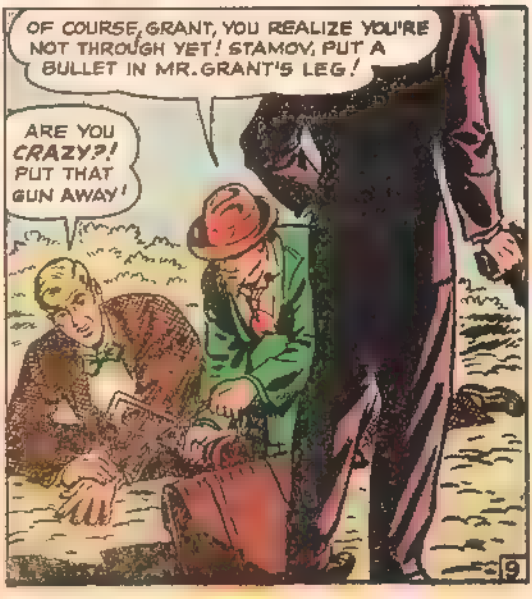
DON'T WORRY, LES! I'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING ABOUT FAYE! I'LL CLEAN UP HERE AND JOIN YOU IN TEHERAN ON SATURDAY!
THANKS, TONY! YOU'RE A SWELL BROTHER! AND DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THESE PAPERS! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

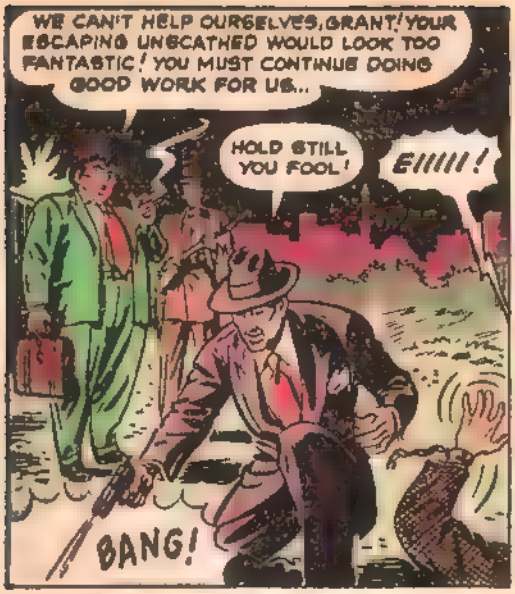
SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE FATEFUL AUTOMOBILE TAKES AN UNTRAVELED ROUTE TO AVOID DETECTION...
HERE THEY COME, VARADI! BUT WON'T GRANT GET IT, TOO?
NO! FIVE SECONDS BEFORE WE FIRE, I'M TO BLOW THIS WHISTLE! THEN GRANT WILL LEAP CLEAR! NATURALLY NONE OF THE ESCORT IS SUPPOSED TO RETURN ALIVE TO REPORT THIS STRANGE FACT...


TWWEEEE!
THE SIGNAL!
MR. GRANT! WHAT'S THE MATTER?! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

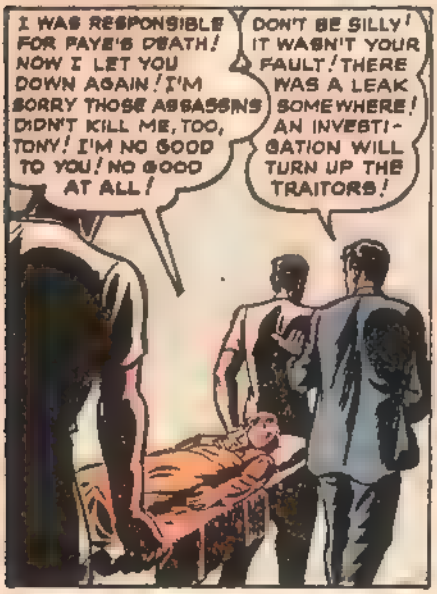
GRANT IS CLEAR! LET THEM HAVE IT!
RAT-A-TAT-TAT-TAT!
BANG! BANG! BANG!
YE!!!!! AN AMBUSH!


ONE IS GETTING AWAY! SHOOT HIM! SHOOT! (GASP!) THEY GOT HIM! THANK HEAVENS!
OHHHHH...
EAAAA!


OF COURSE, GRANT, YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT THROUGH YET! STAMOV, PUT A BULLET IN MR. GRANT'S LEG!
ARE YOU CRAZY?! PUT THAT GUN AWAY!

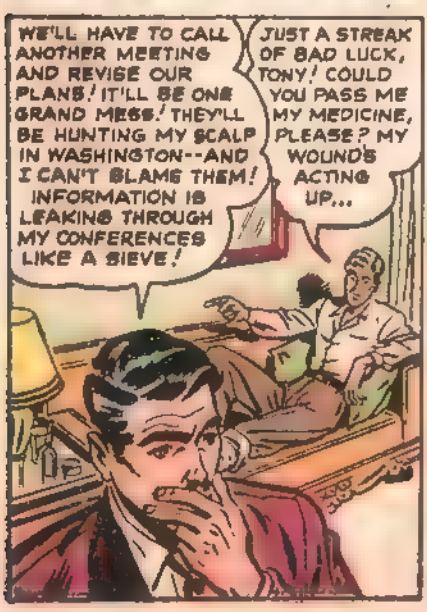

WE CAN'T HELP OURSELVES, GRANT! YOUR ESCAPING UNSCATHED WOULD LOOK TOO FANTASTIC! YOU MUST CONTINUE DOING GOOD WORK FOR US...
HOLD STILL YOU FOOL!
EIIIII!
BANG!

A HALF HOUR LATER...
AS THE ONLY SURVIVOR, LES, DID YOU GET A GOOD LOOK AT THE ATTACKERS?
NO, TONY, I PASSED OUT WHEN THAT BULLET HIT ME! OOOO! CAREFUL, YOU NITWIT!


I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYE'S DEATH! NOW I LET YOU DOWN AGAIN! I'M SORRY THOSE ASSASSINS DIDN'T KILL ME, TOO, TONY! I'M NO GOOD TO YOU! NO GOOD AT ALL!
DON'T BE SILLY! IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT! THERE WAS A LEAK SOMEWHERE! AN INVESTIGATION WILL TURN UP THE TRAITORS!

THE NEXT MORNING...
WE'VE CHECKED INTO ALL THE FACTS AND HAVE COME TO THE PAINFUL CONCLUSION, MR. GRANT, THAT THE LEAK OF INFORMATION CAME FROM YOUR MISSION!
WHAT? I CAN VOUCH FOR THE LOYALTY OF EVERY MEMBER OF MY STAFF! MY OWN BROTHER IS A MEMBER OF IT! -- THE IDEA OF A TRAITOR IN MY MISSION IS PREPOSTEROUS!

SO THEY'RE PUTTING THE BLAME FOR THAT ATROCITY ON US?
THEY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT, LES! I'LL INSIST ON A NEW INVESTIGATION! BUT OF COURSE THAT WON'T RECOVER THOSE STOLEN PAPERS!


WE'LL HAVE TO CALL ANOTHER MEETING AND REVISE OUR PLANS! IT'LL BE ONE GRAND MESS! THEY'LL BE HUNTING MY SCALP IN WASHINGTON--AND I CAN'T BLAME THEM! INFORMATION IS LEAKING THROUGH MY CONFERENCES LIKE A SIEVE!
JUST A STREAK OF BAD LUCK, TONY! COULD YOU PASS ME MY MEDICINE, PLEASE? MY WOUNDS ACTING UP...

A WEEK LATER IN TEHERAN...
SO YOUR BROTHER IS GETTING A NEW SECRETARY! HOW WILL THAT AFFECT US?
NOT AT ALL! A WEEK IS ALL I NEED! YOU KNOW WOMEN, YOU KNOW ME! YOU CAN FIGURE OUT THE REST!

WHAT IF THIS WOMAN DOESN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?
THEY ALL FALL IN LOVE WITH ME! SHE'S JOINING OUR MISSION IN CALCUTTA, WHERE, INCIDENTALLY, I HEAR BIG THINGS ARE DEVELOPING! SEE YOU IN CALCUTTA, VARADI!
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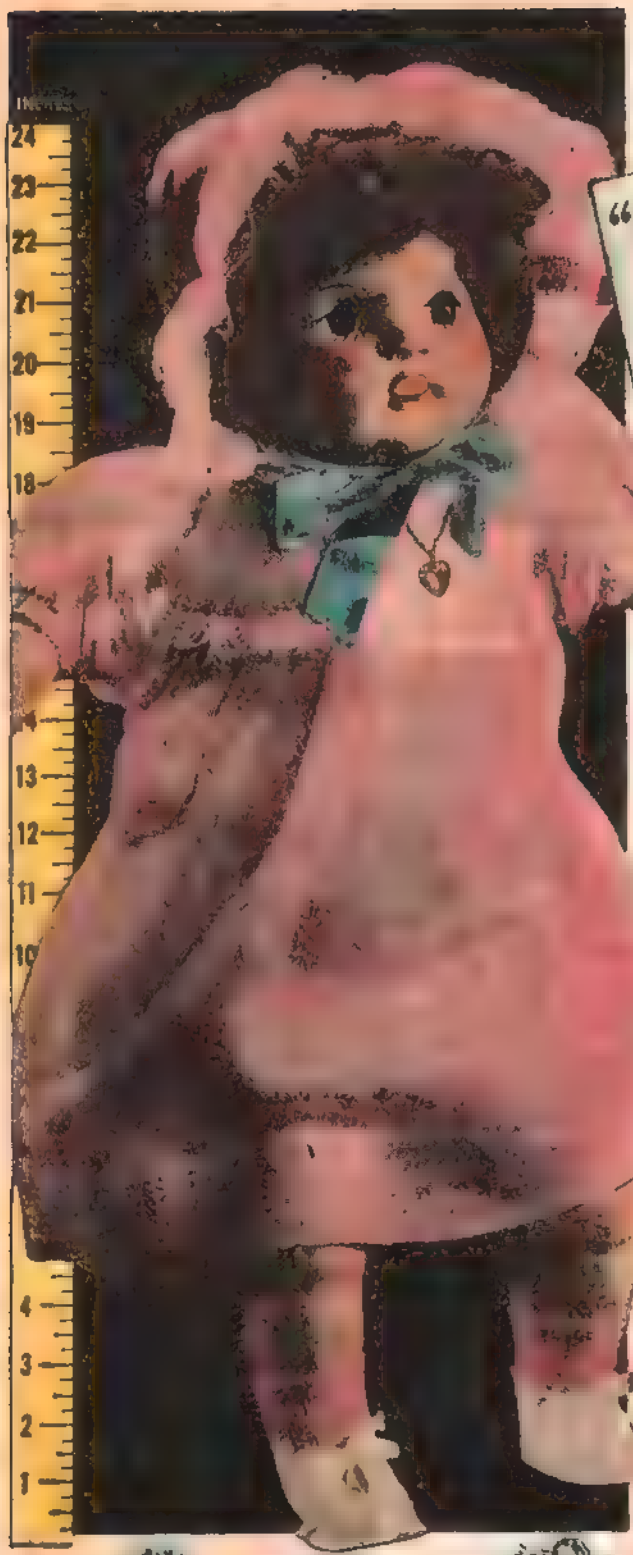

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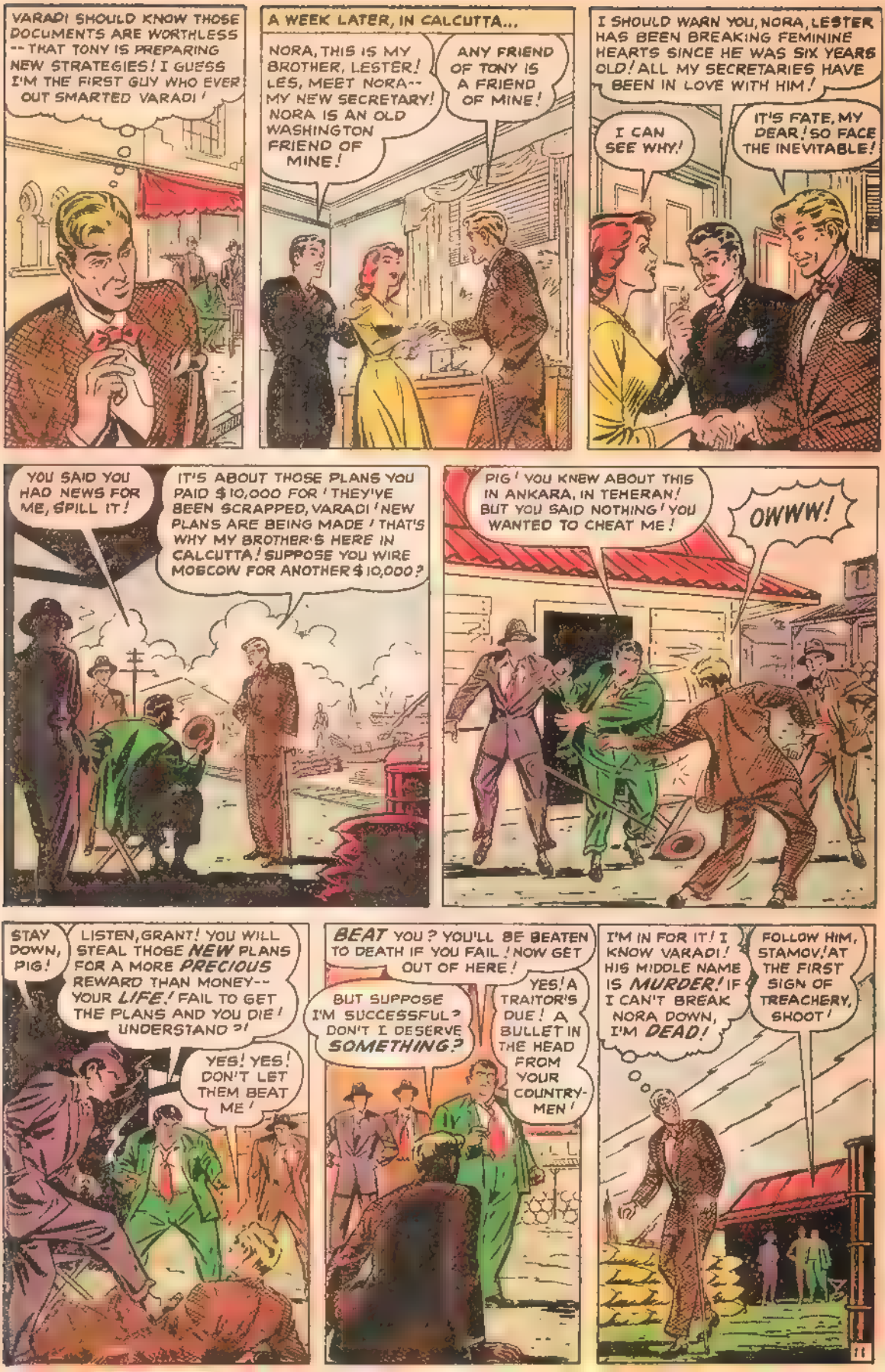
VARADI SHOULD KNOW THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE WORTHLESS -- THAT TONY IS PREPARING NEW STRATEGIES! I GUESS I'M THE FIRST GUY WHO EVER OUT SMARTED VARADI!
A WEEK LATER, IN CALCUTTA...
NORA, THIS IS MY BROTHER, LESTER! LES, MEET NORA-- MY NEW SECRETARY! NORA IS AN OLD WASHINGTON FRIEND OF MINE!
ANY FRIEND OF TONY IS A FRIEND OF MINE!
I SHOULD WARN YOU, NORA, LESTER HAS BEEN BREAKING FEMININE HEARTS SINCE HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD! ALL MY SECRETARIES HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH HIM!
I CAN SEE WHY!
IT'S FATE, MY DEAR! SO FACE THE INEVITABLE!
YOU SAID YOU HAD NEWS FOR ME, SPILL IT!
IT'S ABOUT THOSE PLANS YOU PAID $10,000 FOR! THEY'VE BEEN SCRAPPED, VARADI! NEW PLANS ARE BEING MADE! THAT'S WHY MY BROTHER'S HERE IN CALCUTTA! SUPPOSE YOU WIRE MOSCOW FOR ANOTHER $10,000?
PIG! YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS IN ANKARA, IN TEHERAN! BUT YOU SAID NOTHING! YOU WANTED TO CHEAT ME!
OWWW!
STAY DOWN, PIG!
LISTEN, GRANT! YOU WILL STEAL THOSE NEW PLANS FOR A MORE PRECIOUS REWARD THAN MONEY-- YOUR LIFE! FAIL TO GET THE PLANS AND YOU DIE! UNDERSTAND?!
YES! YES! DON'T LET THEM BEAT ME!
BEAT YOU? YOU'LL BE BEATEN TO DEATH IF YOU FAIL! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT SUPPOSE I'M SUCCESSFUL? DON'T I DESERVE SOMETHING?
YES! A TRAITOR'S DUE! A BULLET IN THE HEAD FROM YOUR COUNTRY-MEN!
I'M IN FOR IT! I KNOW VARADI! HIS MIDDLE NAME IS MURDER! IF I CAN'T BREAK NORA DOWN, I'M DEAD!
FOLLOW HIM, STAMOV! AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TREACHERY, SHOOT!
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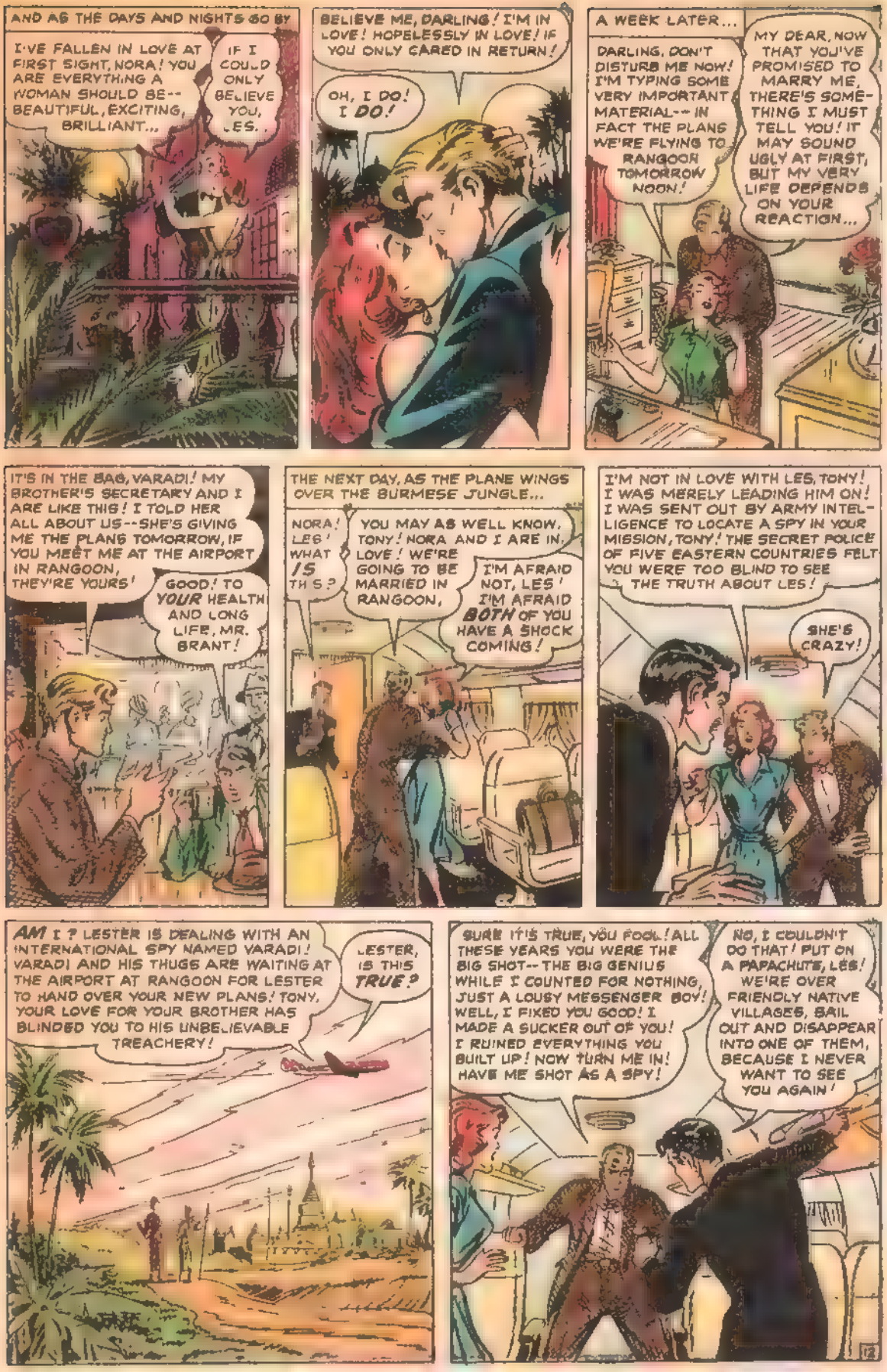
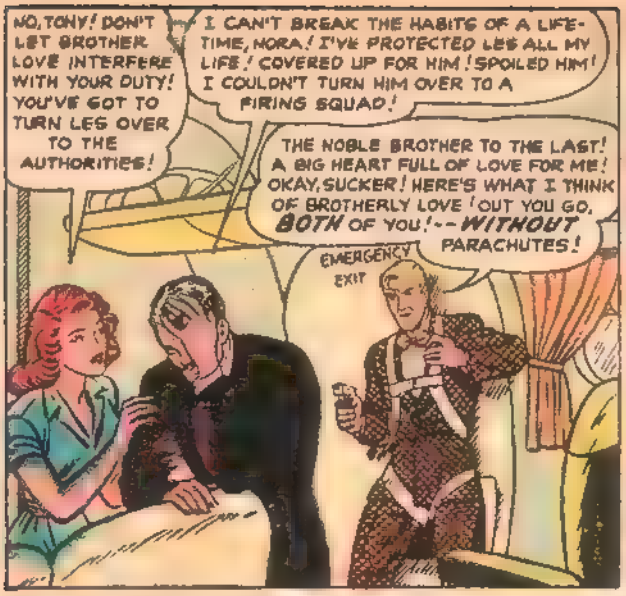
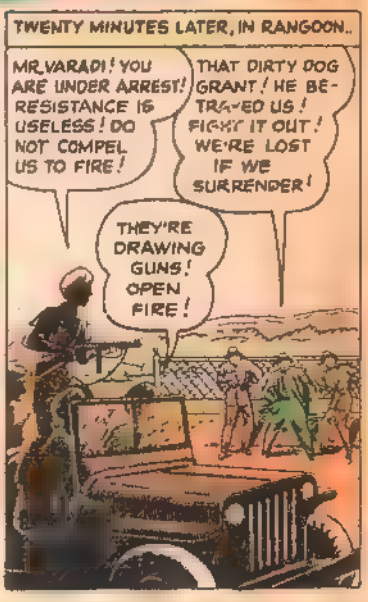

AND AS THE DAYS AND NIGHTS GO BY
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, NORA! YOU ARE EVERYTHING A WOMAN SHOULD BE--BEAUTIFUL, EXCITING, BRILLIANT...
IF I COULD ONLY BELIEVE YOU, LES...
BELIEVE ME, DARLING! I'M IN LOVE! HOPELESSLY IN LOVE! IF YOU ONLY CARED IN RETURN!
OH, I DO! I DO!
A WEEK LATER...
DARLING, DON'T DISTURB ME NOW! I'M TYPING SOME VERY IMPORTANT MATERIAL--IN FACT THE PLANS WE'RE FLYING TO RANGOON TOMORROW NOON!
MY DEAR, NOW THAT YOU'VE PROMISED TO MARRY ME, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU! IT MAY SOUND UGLY AT FIRST, BUT MY VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON YOUR REACTION...
IT'S IN THE BAG, VARADI! MY BROTHER'S SECRETARY AND I ARE LIKE THIS! I TOLD HER ALL ABOUT US--SHE'S GIVING ME THE PLANS TOMORROW, IF YOU MEET ME AT THE AIRPORT IN RANGOON, THEY'RE YOURS!
GOOD! TO YOUR HEALTH AND LONG LIFE, MR. BRANT!
THE NEXT DAY, AS THE PLANE WINGS OVER THE BURMESE JUNGLE...
NORA! LES! WHAT IS THIS?
YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW, TONY! NORA AND I ARE IN LOVE! WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED IN RANGOON,
I'M AFRAID NOT, LES! I'M AFRAID BOTH OF YOU HAVE A SHOCK COMING!
I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH LES, TONY! I WAS MERELY LEADING HIM ON! I WAS SENT OUT BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE TO LOCATE A SPY IN YOUR MISSION, TONY! THE SECRET POLICE OF FIVE EASTERN COUNTRIES FELT YOU WERE TOO BLIND TO SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT LES!
SHE'S CRAZY!
AM I? LESTER IS DEALING WITH AN INTERNATIONAL SPY NAMED VARADI! VARADI AND HIS THUGS ARE WAITING AT THE AIRPORT AT RANGOON FOR LESTER TO HAND OVER YOUR NEW PLANS! TONY, YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR BROTHER HAS BLINDED YOU TO HIS UNBELIEVABLE TREACHERY!
LESTER, IS THIS TRUE?
SURE IT'S TRUE, YOU FOOL! ALL THESE YEARS YOU WERE THE BIG SHOT--THE BIG GENIUS WHILE I COUNTED FOR NOTHING, JUST A LOUSY MESSENGER BOY! WELL, I FIXED YOU GOOD! I MADE A SUCKER OUT OF YOU! I RUINED EVERYTHING YOU BUILT UP! NOW TURN ME IN! HAVE ME SHOT AS A SPY!
NO, I COULDN'T DO THAT! PUT ON A PARACHUTE, LES! WE'RE OVER FRIENDLY NATIVE VILLAGES, BAIL OUT AND DISAPPEAR INTO ONE OF THEM, BECAUSE I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

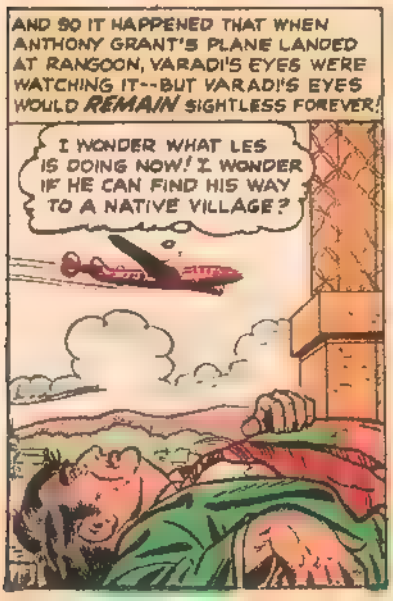

NO, TONY! DON'T LET BROTHER LOVE INTERFERE WITH YOUR DUTY! YOU'VE GOT TO TURN LES OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!
I CAN'T BREAK THE HABITS OF A LIFETIME, NORA! I'VE PROTECTED LES ALL MY LIFE! COVERED UP FOR HIM! SPOILED HIM! I COULDN'T TURN HIM OVER TO A FIRING SQUAD!
THE NOBLE BROTHER TO THE LAST! A BIG HEART FULL OF LOVE FOR ME! OKAY, SUCKER! HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF BROTHERLY LOVE! OUT YOU GO, BOTH OF YOU!--WITHOUT PARACHUTES!
EMERGENCY EXIT

YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, LES!
HE IS! CAN'T YOU SEE HE DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF LOVE!? HE HATES EVERYBODY AND EVERYTHING BUT HIS OWN HIDE!
SHE'S RIGHT! I SPIT ON YOUR BROTHERLY LOVE! I'M GOING INTO RANGOON WITHOUT YOU! NOW JUMP... OR SHALL I SHOOT FIRST?!
EMERGENCY

YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOOT, LES, I SEE NOW THAT THE BROTHER I PROTECTED WAS A MIRAGE--AN ILLUSION OF WHAT MY BROTHER SHOULD BE! ACTUALLY, YOU WERE MY ENEMY--EVERYBODY'S ENEMY! YOU'RE GOING OUT, LES! OUT OF MY LIFE!
STAND BACK, YOU FOOL! ST--EAAAAAAA!

HE'S SAFE! HIS PARACHUTE OPENED!--YOU'RE WOUNDED, TONY!
FORGET ABOUT ME! GET THE RADIO OPERATOR, QUICK! ALERT THE BURMESE POLICE! HAVE THEM ARREST VARADI AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE WE COME IN...


TWENTY MINUTES LATER, IN RANGOON..
MR. VARADI! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST! RESISTANCE IS USELESS! DO NOT COMPEL US TO FIRE!
THAT DIRTY DOG GRANT! HE BETRAYED US! FIGHT IT OUT! WE'RE LOST IF WE SURRENDER!
THEY'RE DRAWING GUNS! OPEN FIRE!


AND SO IT HAPPENED THAT WHEN ANTHONY GRANT'S PLANE LANDED AT RANGOON, VARADI'S EYES WERE WATCHING IT--BUT VARADI'S EYES WOULD REMAIN SIGHTLESS FOREVER!
I WONDER WHAT LES IS DOING NOW! I WONDER IF HE CAN FIND HIS WAY TO A NATIVE VILLAGE?

BUT ANOTHER FATE HAD BEFALLEN LESTER GRANT! HIS DOWNWARD PLUNGE HAD BROKEN HIS LEG AND AFTER CRAWLING SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS, THE END OF HIS AGONY HOVE INTO SIGHT!
A TIGER! NO! NO! STAY AWAY! HELP! HELP!

BUT THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE PREVAILED! AND THE MAN WHO LIVED AS A BEAST DIED SO THAT YET ANOTHER BEAST MIGHT LIVE! HERE WAS THE HUMAN SACRIFICE TO BESTIALITY WHICH ANTHONY GRANT SO NARROWLY MISSED! A WEEK LATER...
THOSE REMNANTS OF LESTER'S CLOTHING AND CHUTE PROVE THAT HE'S GONE! BUT LES MUST PERISH IN YOUR MEMORY, TOO, TONY, OR ELSE YOU'LL NEVER BE THROUGH SACRIFICING YOURSELF TO HIM!
YOU'RE RIGHT, NORA! THROW THESE RAGS IN THE FIRE--I'M DONE WITH SACRIFICE FOREVER! I'M READY NOW TO LIVE FOR MYSELF!
THE END

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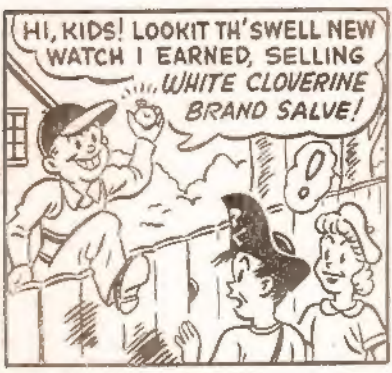

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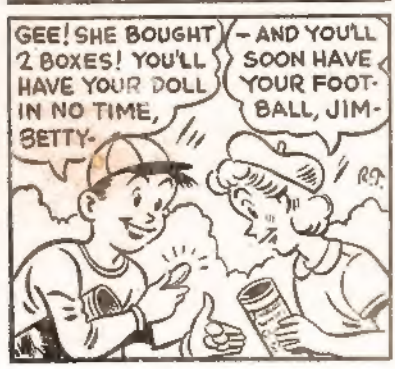

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